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WARM WORDS IN CAMPAIGN

Pastors of Free Churches Use
Some Strong Language
Against Lords

SIR EDWARD GREY ON TARIFF SCHEME

Arrangements With National-
ists and Socialists Are
Attacked

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Addressing a meeting at Berwick, Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said that a duty on colonial wheat was not a step towards free trade within the Empire. "Once we begin to do that, we should have embarked on a system of bargaining with the colonies that would lead to retaliation between parts of the Empire and that would be a most dangerous thing to introduce."

An enthusiastic reception was given at the Dublin meeting of the Irish parliamentary party yesterday to what was called the generous subscription from Hon. Edward Blake and his colleagues in the present great struggle. Some indication of the difficulties Mr. Redmond has to face within the nationalist party is given by a fierce attack in Sinn Fein, which says:

"By Redmond's resolution the United Irish League unreservedly accepts the Liberal programme and declares that consideration of home rule will be deferred until the English Liberal and Socialist parties have altered the English constitution as it has existed since 1688. It associates home rule definitely with opposition to one of two great English parties, abandons even the pretence of the Irish party acting as an independent factor in the English parliament and accepts a budget which imposes a new two millions of taxes on Ireland."

"Financing Red Flag"

In the Unionist press the whole affair is frankly labelled as Asquith's bribe, and hot words are also being used to describe the unwritten compromise between the ministry and the Socialists. The actual results of the alliance negotiations up to the present are as follows: Socialist candidates withdrawn, 22; Defiant Socialists, 6; seats left by Liberals to Socialists, 46. Headlines in Unionist papers read: "Financing red flag; Liberal funds for 46 Socialist candidates."

Among the radicals on the other hand the greatest satisfaction is expressed that practically every opponent of the Lords is now in line, Liberals, Radicals, Socialists and Nationalists. "The future," they say, "can look after itself. We mean unitedly, to draw the Lords' teeth."

Churches Brought In.

Tonight Mr. Lloyd-George brought the free churches into the fight by a gigantic demonstration in London. Those on the platform included leading ministers and laymen of Wesleyans, Methodists, Baptists, and Congregationalists. Here are a few of the utterances made in advance of the meeting:

Principal Forsyth says: "It is money against men, riches seeking to grow more riches even if poverty grows more poor. In such an issue the last word is with the Kingdom of God."

Rev. Mr. Ruth, of Liverpool, says: "This hereditary principle, enthroning its men above king and constitution, is monstrously absurd. It is an apostrophe of original sin. We are free as heralds of Kingdom of God."

Rev. Mr. Clark says: "The Lords have always treated nonconformists as if they were dogs."

Rev. Mr. Bradbury, of Blackpool says: "To free churchmen the voice of God is appealing with imperative emphasis and in obeying, even at great cost we shall redeem the people."

Hundreds of such exhibitions are being made by free church leaders in all parts of the country. In many places free church pulpits are being used to promulgate these views.

NEWS SUMMARY

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- 2.—House talks about navy.
- 3.—Warm words in campaign.
- 4.—Useless wharf at high price.
- 5.—The tragic tale of Donegan's cows.
- 6.—Editorial.
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- 8.—News of the city.
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- 10.—In woman's realm.
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- 13.—Mining department.
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- 17.—Provincial happenings.
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- 19.—Canadian Pacific Oil Co.
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- 21.—Markets and additional sport.
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Even the schoolhouses are being invaded. At Niton council school, Isle of Wight, the children were set the following to write out as a dictation lesson by the Radical managing committee and instructed to take it home to their parents: "Remember, November 30, 1908. The House of Lords threw out the budget. They have thus usurped rights belonging to the House of Commons. For one hundred years the people's representatives have decided how taxes should be reduced. The Lords claim that right now."

Stray Shots.

Major T. A. Brassey, speaking at Bexhill today, favored a three shilling duty on corn with a shilling preference to the colonies, five per cent on other agricultural products and 10 per cent on manufactured goods.

Sir J. Swinburn one of the most prominent supporters of the Liberals in the North of England has severed his connection with the party on account of the budget.

Speaking at the Nationalists convention yesterday, John Redmond said that for the first time in a century they had the greatest opportunity ever offered to tear and trample under foot the act of union.

Shaken by Suffragette.

The feature of the election campaign continues to be the strong feelings displayed against the Peers and the amount of disturbance and disorders to which the unionist meetings are subject. Austen Chamberlain, ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, at a meeting of his constituents at Bromsgrove tonight was compelled to end a speech before he had half finished, on account of interruptions. The meeting broke up in disorder. Similar heckling, jeering and disorders are the common experience of the Unionist peers who venture to address meetings.

Chancellor Lloyd-George at a great Free Church demonstration in Queen's hall tonight, complained that nonconformity had no chance nor champion in the House of Lords. The speaker was well received. On arriving at the hall of Chancellor had a remarkable experience. Two suffragettes approached his car, one jumped in, and the other locked the door and stood on the footboard while the car moved to the side of the entrance of the building. The man within upbraided and shook the chancellor, who merely smiled. The crowd resented this action and roughly handled the two suffragettes.

The United Irish League of Great Britain has issued an election manifesto in which it demands the abolition of the House of Lords. The leader called on the party to vote for the Liberals.

Mr. Chamberlain Writes.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Joseph Chamberlain, who again is a candidate for the House of Commons in Birmingham, has written the preface of a political pamphlet, in which he strongly supports the position of the House of Lords in rejecting the budget. As an election cry Mr. Chamberlain adopts "abolition of Chamberlain, not of the House of Lords."

GRAIN GROWERS ARE MADE GLAD

Manitoba Government to Es-
tablish Line of Public
Elevators

BRANDON, Man., Dec. 16.—Hon. G. R. Caldwell announced at the Grain Growers' convention that owing to the failure of the premiers to achieve any co-operation in the matter, the government of Manitoba had decided to adopt the policy of accepting the principle laid down by the grain growers of establishing a line of elevators as a public utility owned by the people and operated for the people. The government was prepared, he stated, to co-operate with the association in carrying out that policy and working out a plan to the end, and asked that a committee from the association prepare and file plans and meet the government to prepare a bill to present to the next legislature, which would not meet until some time in February. The session could be delayed a week or so if there was not sufficient time to prepare the bill before the first week of February.

Mr. Caldwell's announcement was a complete surprise to the convention, and the delegates were unable to restrain their enthusiasm as he proceeded to explain the decision which the government had arrived at. The minister of education was frequently interrupted by impatient delegates who interjected questions, but when he sat down the delegates rose in a body and cheered enthusiastically, many being moved to tears.

When order had been restored President McCuaig said he knew it was difficult for the delegates to hold themselves in their seats. They were very much indebted to Mr. Caldwell for the announcement he had made, and he, like many others he knew, failed to find words to express himself at this time. As an association they had been struggling, and asking for this matter in particular for the last two or three years, and while it seemed to be discouraging at times he had always felt that if the farmers would only continue and unite, they would succeed. Now, gentlemen, we have succeeded. We feel thankful for the success, and as Mr. Caldwell has just put it to you, it is a very important move; it is a very important question. He has asked that we name a committee to meet with the government in order to make a thorough and complete success of this government ownership."

Dead Alive.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 16.—Miss Nellie Burns, 19 years old, who was declared legally dead on Monday by the circuit court, appeared in offices of an insurance company today. She was later identified by Miss Annie Bosne, her foster mother, who has not seen her since 1898 when it is declared the girl was kidnapped.

END COMES SUDDENLY

King Leopold of Belgium Dies
at an Early Hour This
Morning

TOO WEAK TO RALLY FROM OPERATION

Doctors and Others Surprised
By Fatal Turn of His
Illness

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—King Leopold died at 2:35 o'clock this morning, his aged and wasted body being unable to stand the strain put upon it. The collapse occurred suddenly, and at a moment when the doctors seemed to have the greatest hope for his recovery. Throughout yesterday bulletins issued from the sick room indicated progressive improvement.

The public at large was satisfied that the King was on the road to recovery, but within the pavilion, where the King lay, there was a feeling of anxiety chiefly because of Leopold's great age. After a wakeful day, the patient was able to sleep for a brief period early in the evening, and the night passed quietly until two o'clock, when alarming symptoms appeared. Suddenly the King turned and called to Dr. Thiriar "I am suffocating." Dr. Depage was summoned and the two physicians did everything possible to prolong life without avail. The end came quickly, and after a spell of weakness he passed peacefully away.

Prince Albert arrived at the death-bed about twenty-five minutes later. He was accompanied by Princess Clémentine. Albert kissed the dead King and left the chamber weeping. Baron Colinet, the King's secretary, started immediately for Brussels to notify the members of the royal family. As he was entering his motor car he exclaimed: "To think that only yesterday we were still full of confidence, and now the King is dead."

It appears that the doctors were totally unprepared for such a termination. It was a run, acting as nurse, who had the heavy breathing of the King. She called Dr. Thiriar to the bedside. Both doctors resorted to injections of morphine, but this had no effect.

Shortly after the end had come the ministers were notified, the first official to arrive being the royal chamberlain. The ministers remained in the death chamber for a considerable time discussing the sudden death and matters of state.

CREW STARVING

Thirty-Two Men Marooned When Big
Lake Freighter Strikes on
Island.

LITTLE CURRENT, ONT., Dec. 16.—The big steel lake freighter Wassahickson, of the Anchor Line, is a complete wreck on Outer Duck Island. She was dashed on the rocks last Sunday, and the loss will be \$1,200,000. Two nifty fishermen who braved the tempestuous seas in a small gasoline launch, brought news of the ship's plight, and that the crew of 32 had been four days without food.

Killed on World Tour.

HONOLULU, Dec. 16.—Harriet Smith of Massachusetts was instantly killed last night by the overturning of an automobile. She was making a tour of the world.

HYANNIS, Mass., Dec. 16.—Harriet Smith was the daughter of Edward Smith, a wealthy real estate dealer of Boston. She was 25 years old and was a graduate of Smith college.

MAIL SERVICE BAD IN NORTH

Skeena Settlements Allowed
Only Seventy-Five Pounds
Fortnightly

KITSELAS, B.C., Dec. 16.—The following appears in the Big Canyon Weekly of this date: "Poor Mail Service.—Last winter, the weight of mail allowed every month from Kitimat was seventy-five pounds total for Kitsumkalum, Little Canyon, Lakelse and Kitselas."

"This winter, with over two hundred more people getting their mail at Kitimat, the total weight for all of the above towns is just the same as last winter."

"In all of the above places, there has been a large increase in the number of people getting mail over that of last winter, yet the Dominion Government cannot see its way clear to grant one additional pound of mail over that of a year ago."

"This weight is not sufficient to serve the people of these towns with all of their first class mail. And it is impossible for the people to get one newspaper or magazine in during the winter."

"Two and three years ago, when only a few pioneers were in the country, it was held enough that those few should be deprived of the papers and magazines they had subscribed for, but now that hundreds who are settling in and building up this new country should be deprived of their reading matter during the long winter months is a rank injustice to the people here, and a discredit to the country at large."

TELEPHONE MERGER

Purchase of Independent Companies
by J. P. Morgan Thought to
Mean Combination.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—No additional details concerning the purchase of the two independent telephone companies in Ohio were obtained today at the office of J. P. Morgan and Co., excepting the statement that a merger of the newly-acquired properties with the Bell company is contemplated. Despite denials of any absorption or closer working agreement between the Bell company and the independents, it is significant that Henry P. Davidson, of J. P. Morgan and Company, was recently elected a director of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, which controls the Bell company.

In a telephone message from Columbus, Frank L. Beam, of Mount Vernon, president of the Ohio Independent Telephone association, said afternoons.

"The independent telephone men of Ohio are well satisfied with the purchase of the independent company by J. P. Morgan and Co., as announced today. The influence of Mr. Morgan will be strong enough to stop the warfare between the independents and the Bell, and will benefit all of the independent companies." A special from Columbus today quotes Attorney-general Denman to the effect that there is nothing in the Morgan purchase to warrant action by the state.

Australian High Commissioner.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 16.—Sir George Reid has been appointed high commissioner for the commonwealth in London.

From Poverty to Wealth.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Dec. 16.—M. D. Bryner, a switch cleaner on an electric railroad here, was today notified that he is heir to an estate valued at \$20,000,000 in Posen, Prussia.

New Zealand Wants Line.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Standard's correspondent at Auckland writes that the greatest interest is being taken in the effort to establish a line of steamships between New Zealand and Canada.

Frederick Greenwood Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Frederick Greenwood, author and journalist, died here today. Mr. Greenwood was the first editor of the Pall Mall Gazette and afterwards, in company with others, founded the St. James Gazette, of which he was editor for many years.

Robbery of Fresno Bank.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Robbers last night blew open the vault doors of the Bank of Fresno and obtained about \$7,000 in cash. The robbery was discovered this morning when the officials of the bank arrived and found everything in confusion. Sheriff Collins was promptly notified, and he has offered a reward for the capture of the robbers.

BUSINESS SITES CHANGE HANDS

Three \$40,000 Deals Feature
of Realty Market Yesterday

Deals aggregating in the neighborhood of \$150,000 are reported as passing through the local realty market yesterday. The three principal sales were for \$40,000 each.

The Hepburn building on the south side of Yates street, formerly occupied by Fether and Leiser, changed hands for \$40,000. Immediately after the transaction the purchaser was offered \$46,000 for the property but refused to sell. Another \$40,000 deal was the sale of the northern half of what is known as the Badminton property, on the corner of Courtenay, Gordon and Humboldt streets, measuring 150 by 125 feet. The corner lot on Cormorant and Government streets also passed through the market for \$40,000.

A property on Yates street with a fifty foot frontage and measuring 120 feet in depth, between Blanchard and Douglas streets, was sold yesterday for \$30,000.

A vacant lot on Yates street east of Quadra realized \$8,500; thirty feet of property on Broad street between Pandora and Cormorant streets changed hands for \$8,500; a lot measuring 40 feet on Fort street, at the corner of St. Charles and Richardson streets, was sold for \$4,700.

A number of minor deals passed through the market, and a feature of the present situation is a growing inquiry for residential property. Interest is centring in some of the best residential property on the market. On St. Charles street a number of deals are pending, and arrangements are being made for a considerable amount of building in this neighborhood during the coming spring.

There has been considerable inquiry also in the Victoria West district. A lot on Langford street changed hands yesterday.

In the business area a number of large and important deals are pending.

Free Agricultural Implements

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—E. N. Lewis, Conservative member for West Huron, gives notice of a resolution that the time has come to place agricultural implements on the free list.

To Abolish Jewish Pale.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 16.—The Constitutional Democrats introduced in the duma today a bill abolishing the Jewish Pale. The bill has the approval of prominent Octoberists.

Gets Light Sentence.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Dec. 16.—Robert Bradt, of Rodney, charged with mistreating his niece, under 16 years of age, was sentenced today to a year and a half in the Central prison. The girl is in bad condition.

HOUSE TALKS ABOUT NAVY

Engrossing Question Pushes
Its Way Into Budget
Discussion

SOUTH YORK MEMBER PROPOUNDS SCHEME

Government Bill to Be Intro-
duced After Christmas
Holidays

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—The question of Canada's participation in the naval defense of the Empire was the chief theme of those who participated in both sides of the house in the budget debate today. The premier has made up his mind to bring down his proposals in the shape of a bill, which will be placed on the order paper tomorrow and introduced on January 12, when the house re-assembles after the holidays.

The spirited manner in which the naval defense matter erupted displayed the general interest felt therein. Dr. Sproule told Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the country was willing to share in imperial defense burdens, but it was left to W. E. Maclean to make the most characteristically interesting speech of the session. At times Mr. Maclean can wax really eloquent, and he appealed to the premier to frame a policy on generous lines, with the result that he would have the unanimous support of the whole country. He outlined a scheme of naval defense participation. In the first place a contribution at once of \$20,000,000 for two super-Dreadnaughts, to be followed by a reciprocal trade arrangement with other colonies imposing a tax of all foreign products, a percentage of this tax to be devoted to joint imperial naval defense.

J. R. Stratton, who followed late tonight with his maiden speech, got into an amusing cross-fire with A. C. Boyce. The ex-provincial secretary of Ontario was dilating on the government's policy, which was sure to be satisfactory to the country when brought down.

"What is that policy?" asked Mr. Boyce. Mr. Stratton was non-plussed for a moment. Then he replied, "What was the question passed unanimously last session?"

"Oh," came back Mr. Boyce, "is the government's policy contained in that resolution?"

The incident ended in a general laugh. Mr. Stratton came out in opposition to any direct contribution to imperial defense. He did not think that was a true Liberal policy. On the general topics of a budget character, Mr. Stratton dwelt exhaustively and came out strongly against the export of raw materials, which should be turned into the finished article on Canadian soil. He was followed by Mr. McCool of Norfolk.

There are a great many speakers still to come on the budget, and the talk is almost certain to go over tomorrow and extend into the new year. Sir Wilfrid was asked today by Mr. Foster if he had made up his mind as to what seat he would sit for, Quebec East or Ottawa. "If that question is renewed tomorrow I will give my answer," returned the premier.

Hon. Mackenzie King announced today that a government bill would be introduced this session amending the industrial disputes act. The house adjourned until January 12, one of the longest holiday recesses on record.

Mr. Gordon (Nipissing), introduced a bill to amend the criminal code with a view of stamping out the thefts of silver ore in the mining districts, which are becoming very frequent. At the present time a thief is liable on a person if it is difficult to have the theft proven on account of the impossibility of tracing from which mine the ore was taken. The amendment provides that the onus of proving where he obtained the ore must rest upon the suspect in whose possession it was found.

Col. Worthington then drew attention of Mr. Speaker to the remark made to him (Worthington), yesterday by the minister of militia, that "according to a law of scripture we are bound to answer a fool according to his folly." He said that he had not withdrawn? suggested Col. Worthington. Sir Frederick Borden said he had no objection to withdrawing the remark, and the incident closed.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to amend the act establishing a commission for the conservation of national resources, which received first reading. It seeks to prohibit the chairman or members or officials of the commission from acquiring by lease or purchase any water power or other national resource. Mr. Armstrong added that he had not the slightest intention of ending any elections upon the commissioners, but he thought the amendment was not only in the public interest but also of the commissioners. Mr. McDonald called the attention of Hon. L. P. Brodeur to the loss of the only ferry between the residents of Port Stanley with the loss of nearly forty lives. Hon. Mr. Brodeur resented the omission to notify him that this matter would be brought up. Had he known he would have had his department officials inquire into the case.

David Marshall asked whether he had heard petition from the residents of Port Stanley in regard to aids to navigation, but Mr. Brodeur replied that it was impossible for a minister to carry all these details in his head.

Wholesalers Buy Cannery.

TILLBURY, ONT., Dec. 16.—Tillbury cannery factory has been sold to E. Kelly, of Winnipeg, who is acting on behalf of a syndicate of wholesalers from the Northwest. The price paid is \$27,000.

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Richibucto Job Further Ventilated By Public Accounts Committee

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—The public accounts committee this morning continued the investigation into the purchase of a sawdust wharf at Richibucto by the Dominion government for \$5,000 in November, 1908, which had been bought in May for \$700.

Richard O'Leary, who sold the wharf to T. O. Murray for \$700, produced his books, showing the entry of the payment for the wharf. A letter from G. W. Robertson, with whom Murray negotiated for the sale of the wharf to the government, was produced. It was typewritten and stated that owing to the increase in business in Richibucto more wharf accommodation was required.

O'Leary told the committee that he purchased the best wharf in Richibucto for \$1,500. He was practically the only shipper in the place, and the wharf could do three times the business he had for it. Regarding the wharf sold to the government, he had seen no vessel at it since he was a little boy. He would swear that there had been no vessel there for twenty years.

On cross-examination, O'Leary said the Kent & Northern Railway owned no typewriter, and therefore he could not understand how the Robertson letter was typewritten. Hon. Wm. Pugsley's reply to Robertson was that careful consideration would be given to the question of purchase. Mr. O'Leary said that he and Mr. Loggie, of Richibucto, had offered the use of their wharf to the railway for \$1 per year. A letter from Hon. Wm. Pugsley to O'Leary was read. It stated that on the report of Department Engineer Stead, the "sawdust wharf" at Richibucto had been purchased from T. O. Murray for \$5,000, but that it would cost \$15,000 to repair it. Before improving the property Mr. Pugsley asked Mr. O'Leary for his opinion, as he had been former owner of the wharf. O'Leary replied that he had sold the wharf for \$700, and that was its full value.

Engineer Stead, examined, said he did not know the wharf had been sold to Murray for \$700. When Murray talked to him first about the wharf he mentioned \$10,000 as the price.

EMPRESS BALL

All Arrangements Perfected For Annual Event to Be Held on 29th Inst.

The annual ball to be given by the Empress employees on the evening of Wednesday, December 29; promises to be a most successful affair. All arrangements are now practically complete, and the various committees have been struck as follows: Honorary president, B. M. Humble; president, H. B. Jackson; general committee, F. W. Kostenbader, chairman, W. H. Murphy, J. Helg, W. E. Burris, L. Lucas, Y. Lins, H. Lush, H. Stevens. Invitation committee: F. W. Kostenbader, W. E. Burris, E. Bywell. Catering committee: J. Helg, Y. Lins, W. H. Murphy.

Decoration committee: Miss F. Clark, F. Fox, A. McCormick, A. Menard. Reception committee: H. Dallas Helmecken, K. C. Mrs. H. B. Jackson, Miss F. Clark, Miss M. Harrison, Mrs. H. D. Helmecken, H. B. Jackson, W. E. Burris, L. Lucas, F. W. Kostenbader, W. H. Murphy, J. Helg, H. Stevens, Y. Lins, H. Lush, H. Hardy, E. W. Tribe. All invitations have now been issued and it is requested that those intending to be present will notify the secretary-treasurer E. Bywell in order to facilitate the arrangements for the catering.

HOTEL FOR SALT SPRING ISLAND

Tourist Resort to Be Constructed By Vancouver Syndicate

A three storey hotel, costing in the neighborhood of \$80,000, with accommodation comprising some fifty bedrooms, is to be erected on Salt Spring Island. The projector of the new enterprise is a Vancouver syndicate headed by F. W. Law, and it is understood that the contract will be awarded in Vancouver and all the materials for the construction will be obtained there. It is also proposed to run a daily boat from Vancouver to Salt Spring, and it would appear that the object of the syndicate is, if possible, to cater to the trade of the new hotel entirely from the mainland city. The syndicate has acquired a tract of land composed of about 680 acres, which will be included in connection

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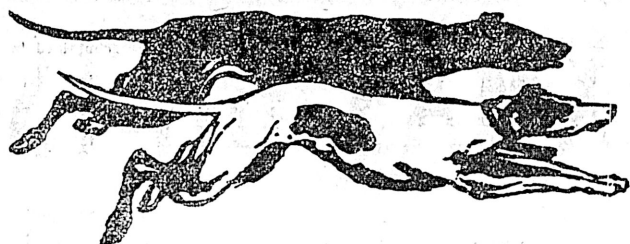
with the hotel grounds. On these it is proposed to lay out and construct a golf course. In these grounds other amusements for the frequenters of the hotel will be provided, such as tennis, croquet, etc. The fishing facilities on Salt Spring are well known, and the new enterprise promises to prove a drawing card to the number of tourists who visit Victoria and Vancouver. The hotel will, it is stated, be up to date in every particular, and early

next spring construction work will be commenced. Mr. Law, who has the enterprise in hand, is at present on a visit to the proposed site.

George Ayre has returned from Pore George, where he has been cruising land for a Vancouver syndicate.

Miss May Manning is visiting friends in Vancouver.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The proposal to change Inauguration Day from March fourth to the last Thursday in April was before the committee on election of President and Vice-President and members of Congress today. It was presented in the shape of a constitutional amendment offered by Mr. Gaines, of West Virginia, at the special session. The sentiment of nearly all the committee is said to be favorable to a change in the date.



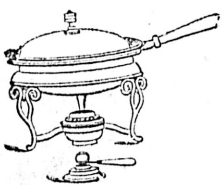
A Chat on Gifting

BY
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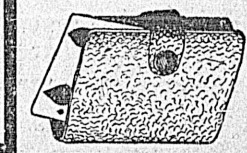


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THE TRAGIC TALE OF DONEGAN'S COWS

Told With Irish Eloquence to Sympathetic Jury—Damages Awarded Against City

The romance of Donegan's cows occupied the attention of Judge Lampman and a jury in the county court yesterday, and when the shades of evening fell across the court room carpet, the jury returned and awarded James Donegan damages to the extent of \$234.50 and costs, with the accompanying comment that it was assumed the pound-keeper had a perfect right to hold the said cows for the damage done to the city's boulevards.

Thus ended a case that has caused considerable interest since the day in September last when Donegan's cows were impounded for two days, after having been caught browsing on the city's streets.

Donegan, an Irishman with a real touch of the brogue and a lively sense of humor, is a dairyman with a dairy in Victoria West. His claim against the city was for \$1,000, and he was represented by J. A. Altkman. City Solicitor Mann defended, and several witnesses were examined on both sides.

When the case opened in the morning William McFadden was called to show the price of cows. He valued the cows in question at \$150 a head. To a question from Mr. Mann, McFadden admitted that he had been a butcher.

"Then," said Mr. Mann, "you don't keep cows; you kill them!"

"Oh," returned McFadden, "I was in the milk business for two years before I went butchering."

The best witness of the day was the next called, no less a person than the plaintiff himself, James Donegan, dairyman, and son of Ireland. Mr. Donegan wore his overcoat and woolen gloves in the stand and when bothered at all for an answer he fell to smoothing his glove fingers elaborately. To Mr. Altkman, Mr. Donegan said that he had been in the milk business for 22 years and that he was in the habit of keeping from 25 to 30 cows.

Then, at the request of his counsel, Mr. Donegan told in his own inimitable way, the story of the romance—or tragedy—of Donegan's cows. The tale was dramatic, but the telling of it was interrupted time and again while the entire courtroom laughed.

The Genesis of Woes.

It was on the 23rd day of September last, Mr. Donegan began, that he was detained in the city later than usual by reason of having to appear in court. He did not get home until, as one of the Latin writers has it, "the milking time of night," and he was in a rush to finish his work. Some time before this he had bought from a Mr. Henderson, of Metcholin, three cows. They had been offered to him for \$150 and he jumped at the chance. These cows had been left in the yard and they were worth, as they stood, \$200 each to Mr. Donegan.

"What?" interrupted the court sharply.

"Yes, yer honor," Mr. Donegan repeated emphatically, "they were that, yer worship. It's the milk we're after this time of year."

Well, when Mr. Donegan arrived home on the day in question the three cows were missing, and Mr. Donegan went to look for them.

"I found them in the pound, your lordship. Says I to the young man in charge, 'Have you anything in?'"

"Three cows," says he, 'the superintendent has gone to assess the damage.'"

"Then," says I, 'I guess I'd be going after him. Sure if I have to pay for the damage I'd better see the assessing of it.'"

"So I started off and; it'd be a good guess to say 100 yards away, I come up with the superintendent, Mr. England."

"Now," says he without me saying e'er a word at all, at all, says he 'I've got you and you won't get 'em either till you pay the damage. That's \$15 besides the pound fee!'"

"Ses I to meself, Ses I."

"With that we went to see where the mischief was done. I examined the trees minutely and I couldn't see one leaf disturbed. Sure if your honor was to send a policeman he'd tell you the same. 'Well,' says I to myself says I, 'it's small damage they've done and—'"

Mr. Mann, interrupting: "What you said to yourself isn't evidence."

This did phase Mr. Donegan.

"To myself is it? Sure I said it to you just the same."

And Mr. Mann had to admit the corn. Continuing his narrative, Mr. Donegan said that he could find no traces of damage done by his cows. "There was some old horse prints," he said, "and some old cows prints, your honor, not made by my cattle at all."

"Well, after that I went off to find the pound man. I ran a bit of the way and I walked a little bit of the way and by and by I met the old pound man—"

Mr. Donegan turned to that official with a beaming smile:

"Sure now I don't say 'old' out of any disrespect but, you see, your lordship, there's a young fellow too."

"Well, he wouldn't let me have the cows so I went and saw the mayor. I told the mayor that I'd have to have the cows because it was putting me out with my milk business and, says the mayor: 'Donegan, you'll have to have those cows.'"

"Well, the mayor wouldn't come out to the pound so I got the pound man to come with me to see the mayor. We talked it over and I offered the pound man a \$10 fee but he refused to take it. I told the mayor that the cows were in agony because they weren't milked and that they ought to be milked that night. The pound man, at that, says that it was Mr. England's orders that he wasn't to let the cows out and, your worship, he says, says he, 'Not for the mayor or anyone else.'"

"Well, I didn't get my cows, anyway and the exhibition in full swing and me needing the milk in the worst way. There the poor beasts were and them with no feed at all, for if they'd had a bite they'd be alive today."

"Two days later I went to the pound to have a look at the cows and, your honor when I saw those cows, 'Lord alive,' says I, 'sure—'"

Mr. Mann: "Now whom did you say this to?"

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alive," says I, 'would you look at them! Why, your lordship I wouldn't have known them for my cows if I hadn't known they were my cows.'"

"Well, I paid the money they asked for and I got the cows finally. On the way home they went into the creek and drank as though they were fairly dying from thirst, and when I got home and gave them a big feed of mangolds they ate like they were pretty hungry."

"When I went back to the barn an hour later one of them looked pretty dizzy so I went and got Mr. Brown, a veterinary surgeon, and when he got to the barn one cow was dead, one was unconscious, and the other was pretty sick."

Well, after that, Dr. Hamilton, another veterinary surgeon, came out and looked at the cows that were dead and we held a post mortem examination."

Mr. Donegan identified a receipt for \$15 he paid the pound keeper and the accompanying bill, it was shown, contained an item of \$150 for feed for the cows.

Bedrock Luxuries.

Mr. Donegan then stated that cows "could be kept on luxuries" at thirty cents a day. "I tell you," your worship, he went on, "I don't think those cows got two bits worth of feed. The cow that got well is of no use to me in my business, and I think the inspector will condemn her. I consider, your honor, that \$1,000 is a small sum to repay me for my loss and trouble."

Cross-examined by Mr. Mann, Mr. Donegan admitted that on the day the cows in question were impounded he had been detained at court over a case wherein he was charged with having cows wandering on the highway. He did not discharge his Chinaman because the latter had given information to the authorities.

Mr. Mann: "Is there a horse of yours in the pound at the present time?"

Mr. Donegan: "I didn't see him!"

Mr. Donegan then went on to tell of his experience with the pound keeper.

"Why," said he, "my dear friend the pound keeper and I have very little trouble at all at all."

Mr. Mann: "Is the pound keeper your dear friend?"

Mr. Donegan: "Indeed he is not; he's no friend of mine!"

Mr. Mann: "Is there a pound keeper in Esquimalt?"

Mr. Donegan: "We don't want him there!"

Mr. Mann (looking through a legal tome): "Well, we'll just see what you do know."

Mr. Donegan: "Yes, that's right; look it up."

Mr. Mann: "Have you ever read the act?"

Mr. Donegan: "Go ahead; ask me."

Mr. Mann: "Well, have you?"

Mr. Donegan: "Oh, sure now, I might not have."

Mr. Mann: "Do you take any precautions to keep your cows off the boulevards?"

Welcome the Casual Guest.

Mr. Donegan: "I do that. When the cows come down from Macaulay's point, where they feed, and start towards town, they have to pass my barn, and sure they look in for a while, and then I look 'em up."

Mr. Mann: "Oh, they 'look in.' They call and tell you they're off for the city boulevards, eh?"

Mr. Donegan: "No, they walk in where they live and where they always get plenty to eat and arn't starved to death!"

Mr. Mann: "Would those three cows herd with the other cows?"

Mr. Donegan: "I didn't ask them. But to keep a poor cow in the pound with nothing at all but a view to look at to be sure it's injurious to her health and don't you forget it."

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Mr. Mann: "Wasn't there some hay in the pound?"

Mr. Donegan: "Your worship there was a little hay such as would fall off of a fork if you were carrying it and the cow that's alive now was eating it, which goes to show, your honor, that if the other poor beasts had got a mouthful they'd be alive today."

Mr. Mann: "And from your examination of the cows' stomach you say they were starving?"

The Deadly Parallel.

Mr. Donegan: "You bet they were. You can read that book, can't you? Yes; well, I can read a cow's insides just the same."

"You don't think much of the statements of the city's witnesses?"

"I do when they state facts."

Mr. Altkman then took the witness again:

Mr. Donegan, tell the court what was the result of that action in the police court that detained you on the day your cows were impounded."

A beatific smile crept over the Donegan features:

"Oh, sure, your worship I won, Yes, indeed, I won—and I'm thinking, your

honor, Mr. England was feeling a little bit bilious over it."

Dr. Brown, a veterinary surgeon, told of seeing the cows in question and declared that they had died from a too greedy consumption of too much food, and that they must have been very hungry.

This was borne out by Dr. Hamilton, another veterinary surgeon, who added, in response to questions, that he considered the cows had been fed injudiciously by Mr. Donegan. To Mr. Altkman Dr. Hamilton admitted that if the cows had been fed properly in the pound an ordinary feed of mangolds should not have hurt them.

Dr. Richards, a third veterinary surgeon, gave more expert evidence regarding the average cow's eating capacity.

In the afternoon Mr. Mann called D. D. England, the parks superintendent, who told of having assessed the damage at \$15, and who said that he had been advised by the city solicitor that he had authority to hold the cows, and that he had acted on that advice.

James Cook, the assistant pound keeper told of keeping the cows until Pound Keeper Craig arrived, and Pound Keeper Craig told of his regu-

lar duties under the bylaws.

S. H. Stanley, a butcher, who looks after the Victoria West pound, said that he didn't know the cows were in the pound until the day after they were put there, but that he had then given them what he considered sufficient feed and had also milked them the day Donegan took them away.

In Ordinary Humanity.

In charging the jury, Judge Lampman commented on the conduct of the Victoria West Pound.

"It is certainly a poor way to look after a pound," he said. "Cows should be properly fed, and they should, above all, be milked."

The jury, after retiring for ten minutes, returned a verdict for the plaintiff, naming the sum of \$234.50 and costs.

In thanking the jurymen, Judge Lampman said, "I hope that if you have any influence with the city authorities, you will get them to find a pound keeper who milks the cows that are left in his care."

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IRRELEVANT ISSUES.

Mr. W. E. Oliver very properly says that such questions as local option have no place in the municipal campaign. The duty of the Mayor and Aldermen is to enforce laws, not make them, and it would be senseless to introduce local option into a municipal campaign when at present there is no law in the province providing for it. When the result of the plebiscite is known, it will also be known if the government will be under any obligation to bring down a local option bill, and if such a bill is introduced and passed, as we assume it would be, the municipal authorities will have nothing to do with the matter. The new statute would prescribe how and when a vote under it might be taken, and when it had been taken, if the decision was in the affirmative, the time would come for the city authorities to act. The case then stands this way: If a 51 per cent. of the vote was cast for local option, if a local option bill is passed by the Legislature, if the people of Victoria thereupon decide for local option, and if they decide in favor of it and the municipal authorities refuse to enforce the law, then the question will become an issue in city politics; but at present it is very remote indeed, so remote that to ask a Mayor candidate where he stands on the question is about as relevant to municipal affairs as his opinions upon the authorship of the letters of Junius. We suggest that in municipal matters the voters ought to confine themselves to matters pertinent thereto and not permit the real issues to be obscured by abstract propositions not even indirectly an issue.

THE SELKIRK CENTENNIAL.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier was interviewed by a strong delegation from Winnipeg in regard to a grant of \$2,500,000, he gave a non-committal answer. He expressed formal sympathy with the proposal and said he personally was not opposed to large expenditures, but it was the duty of the Finance Minister to keep hold of the purse strings and anyway the plans submitted to the government were not in sufficient detail to warrant any immediate reply. This is certainly not very encouraging, and it may only be what the Conservative Winnipeg papers say it is—a polite way of declining to give any assistance at all; but we hope the promoters of the project will not so regard it. We hope that they will renew their request and that in the meantime there will be a strong expression of opinion all over the West in favor of such a grant. As far as we have observed, to characterize the attitude of the Eastern press towards the proposed exposition as lukewarm would be stating the case very mildly. What we think ought to be done is to make it manifest to the government that the proposed exhibition is not simply something that some of the people of Winnipeg want, but that the whole of Western Canada would sustain the government in making a liberal appropriation. We know that the people of British Columbia would do so.

LOOKING FORWARD.

A writer in the New York Outlook thinks the time is coming when "Latin America" will pass under the control of the United States. Referring to the adventurers, who have been having trouble with Zelaya he describes them as frontiersmen who are preparing the way for the supremacy of their country over Central and South America. We quote:

That is what they are trying to do. I did not meet a Yankee north of the equator—and I believe it is the same south of it—who does not expect that we will absorb all of Latin America sooner or later. Everyone, diplomats and ditch-diggers, believes that things are tending that way. And the American business down there are doing their best to hasten it. Further, I found that every Spanish-American is convinced such is our national ambition. They believe that it is our deliberate intention to own the hemisphere. Only a few think they will have the power to resist us.

This is what may be called a large order. "Sooner or later" is a comprehensive phrase, and no one can pretend to say what may not occur, given time enough. Canada may acquire Alaska and Siberia "sooner or later," but it is hardly worth talking about just now. The absorption of Central and South America by the United States seems to any one not a visionary, as a physical and political impossibility. Years ago, James G. Blaine dreamed of it and imagined the Pan-American movement which came to nothing, and the failure nearly broke his heart. Physically North and South America are distinct, racially they are widely divergent, in instincts and traditions they are as opposite as they

are in latitude. And yet, as we have said, any political change is possible, if sufficient time is given to bring it about. In the meantime it might be advisable for adventurous United States citizens to remember that they owe some respect to the laws of other countries, and confine their efforts at the conquest of "Latin" America to commercial lines.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Mr. J. S. Willison, of the Toronto News, has been speaking in favor of government ownership of railways. He says Canada made a mistake in the way it built the Canadian Pacific and that the Grand Trunk Pacific ought to have been built as a government work. In his view, the Dominion would have done well to follow the example of Germany, France, Japan and Australia, where government ownership is the rule. "While there is no question whatever as to the important part which transportation plays in the affairs of Canada, it is an open question if when we take into account cost of construction, cost of operation, efficiency of management and the benefits accruing from competition, the public does not fare better under private ownership than it would under the plan favored by Mr. Willison. Our own experience with the Intercolonial is not calculated to strengthen the case for government management, and the construction of the eastern division of the National Transcontinental railway is not such as would lead the public to feel favorably disposed to government construction. The question is, however, purely an academic one, for there is no political party in Canada that would think for one moment of proposing the purchase of the existing railways. It is not necessary, of course, to acquire the whole railway system of Canada in order to extend the principle of government ownership, for it might be applied to certain lines, such, for example, as the Hudson Bay Railway.

A TIMELY CHANGE.

A protest is arising in the strongest possible tones in the United States against "Yellow Journalism," and it is finding expression in some of the leading newspapers. Certainly the time has come for a change. In too many of the most widely circulated papers in the Republic big type, colored ink and wild pictures have taken the place of brains and the treatment of questions of real public interest. No relation in life has been too sacred to be free from the prying eyes of reporters whose instructions are to get "news" at all costs and without regard to consequences. Not infrequently the Victoria papers are called "slow" by visitors from United States cities, and for no other reason than that they show some respect to the right of private citizens. Those persons who saw "The Third Degree" when it was presented in the Victoria Theatre will remember how the young wife protested against her most secret acts being dragged to light because of some fancied duty which a newspaper owes to its readers. In Canada we avoid these things. We do not consider scandal as news par excellence. We admit that there are some things which the public has no right to know. We avoid so far as we are able the publication of things which will needlessly injure any one. And in the main, Canadian newspapers succeed in doing these things. Therefore they are voted "slow," but the press of the United States is itself discovering that our course is wiser than theirs. The New York Herald declares that "in no profession are high principles more necessary, in none is an unscrupulous member a greater source of danger" than in journalism. The Boston Journal protests against the degradation of reporters to a "cross between detectives and blackmail artists." Among the changes noticeable already is the abandonment by some leading papers of the abominable colored "funny pages," but there is a wide scope yet for reform.

Victoria merchants are unanimous in saying that this year's Christmas trade is "the greatest that has been."

The Mayor of New York says that city is clean and moral. Of course it is; all cities are clean and moral between elections.

The National Geographical Society of the United States has formally recognized Commander Peary as the discoverer of the North Pole.

The city presents a very busy scene at present. There can be very few idlers, and just at present out of door work is being carried on under exceedingly favorable conditions.

President Zelaya has played his little part and now makes his exit with what dignity he can command. The pity of it is, that his career was stained with the blood of many innocent people.

The construction of the V., V. & E. both east and west of the Hope Mountains bears out what the Colonist said during the election campaign, namely, that the government's railway policy would stimulate railway construction.

Is not Sir Wilfrid Laurier displaying an unstatesmanlike and undignified course in continuing to sit in the Commons for two constituencies? As yet we have seen no reason advanced to justify a course, which we think must be quite without precedent in Canada.

The Hamilton Times quotes the observations of the Colonist in regard to the elevation of Justices Irving and

Martin to the Bench of the Appellate Court, and expresses its appreciation of the esteem in which these two former Hamiltonians are held in this city.

The Colonist congratulates Bishop Cridge upon having reached his ninety-third birthday, and hopes he may be spared to receive its congratulations for years to come. Among all the citizens of Victoria there is none who is held in higher or more deserved esteem than this venerable prelate.

George Crocker, who died recently in New York from cancer, left by his will \$1,500,000 to be used in investigating the cause of cancer and the possible means of curing it. If a cure is discovered before the money has all been expended, the remainder is to be devoted to medical discovery. A splendid use for this wealth.

The rules of the House of Commons are to be revised. While it is generally conceded that something must be done to keep discussion within reasonable bounds, great care must be taken to preserve the rights of the minority. The majority can always protect themselves.

The most recent estimate of the wheat yield of the Prairie Provinces puts it at 120,000,000 bushels. Of this 61,866,000 bushels have been already marketed; 21,000,000 must be retained for seed and home consumption, leaving upwards of 30,000,000 bushels yet in the hands of the farmers and available for sale.

Sir Edward Grey thinks it dangerous to introduce a system of tariff bargaining between the several parts of the Empire. It has always been a surprise to us that this aspect of the case has been so persistently ignored by those who think the Empire can be consolidated by raising difficult questions between the several governments, for there is nothing more difficult of settlement than tariff questions as they affect different countries.

The intensity of the political contest in England is amazing. There has been nothing like it for generations. The outcome can only be regarded with anxiety no matter how the elections may go. If the Liberals win, it is impossible to say to what limits they may regard the popular mandate as extending. If the Conservatives win, there is no means of telling in what directions the passions that are being aroused may find expression.

The proposal is made that the Canadian navy ought to include one battleship. If we were to rely upon our own judgment we would agree with this; but we are not quite as sure of our judgment on this point as some of our contemporaries seem to be about theirs. Possibly an expert in naval matters might think dry docks capable of taking in the largest vessels as a more useful contribution than a battleship of the first class.

Mrs. Marie Leigh sued Home Secretary Gladstone for damages because she was forcibly fed while in prison for her performances as a suffragette. Lord Chief Justice Alverstone dismissed the case, and in doing so said that the Crown officials are not only entitled to use whatever means may be necessary to protect the lives of prisoners, but that it is their duty to do so. "Thus does man in his brutality deprive fair woman of her last means of defence. She can no longer violate the law, and when she is sent to prison, starve herself to death. Surely it is time for a revolution against man-made laws. Why should not a suffragette be allowed to starve herself to death? Life to her is not worth living without a vote."

The question of independent official inspection of chartered banks is receiving a good deal of consideration in the eastern press. As is generally understood, there is no government inspection of Canadian banks. The inspector, who drops in every now and then when he is not expected, is not a government official, but an officer of the bank. Primarily he is looking after the interests of the bank, although in so doing he necessarily looks after the interests of the public. The movement in favor of inspection by public officials had its origin with Mr. H. C. McLeod, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who has issued a pamphlet on the subject. He points out that the shareholders in a bank really concern themselves very little with its management, rarely taking the trouble to attend the annual meetings. It is understood that the majority of Mr. McLeod's suggestions does not find much favor with his fellow bankers, although no reasons have been advanced against them. We assume that the wisdom and integrity, with which Canadian banks have, as a rule, been managed, afford one reason why the public generally is satisfied with things as they are. Canada is one of the few countries, which do not provide for independent inspection.

Zelaya Resigns.

MANAGUA, Dec. 16.—President Zelaya has sent a message of resignation to Congress.

Afraid of Lake Superior.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 16.—Capt. A. E. Booth and nearly all of the crew of the steamer Port Colborne have deserted the ship at the Canadian Soo, declaring that they would not take their chances on Lake Superior. The captain was of the opinion that it was unsafe to weather Lake Superior at this time of year. The men have left for their homes by rail. Another captain and crew were picked up and the vessel has cleared for Fort William.

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Victoria, B.C.

Special Values in Dainty China

See the 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c Counters Today

SPECIALLY arranged for your easy choosing and priced to make the choosing doubly easy, are hundreds of China and Glass Articles. These are items purchased at enticing prices and odd pieces that brisk buying in our regular stocks leaves us so early in the season. All are special values.

We have arranged a series of counters—at 10c, 15c, 25c, 35c and 50c. Not necessary to even look at the articles for the price—just look for the price ticket that adorns each counter. You'll find the values offered are exceptional—often the regular price would be doubly that asked.

We list a few of the pieces offered, but daily new articles will be added and it would be good policy to keep in daily touch with these offerings. Start today.

Special Values at 10c

You'll be surprised at the variety of items the 10 cent counter offers. Dozens of items are shown and many items that would do excellent service as an Xmas remembrance are to be found here. Come in and see the interesting values offered on this counter. Here are a few of the articles:—

China Ornaments
Cups and Saucers
Dainty Plates
Glass Vases
Glass Peppers
Salt Shakers
Glass Sugars
Glass Creams
China Vases

Special Values at 15c

On the 15 cent counter you'll find great values—many pieces that sell in the regular way for more. To the gift distributor who has a great number of folks to remember this counter of little-priced pieces should appeal. Don't miss its many offerings.

Hatpin Holders
Mustard Pots
China Ornaments
Salt Shakers
Dainty Plates
Cups and Saucers
China Vases
Glass Vases
Sugars and Creams

Special Values at 35c

Thirty-five cents isn't much to expend on a gift, but it'll purchase some "worth while" pieces here—the 35c counter is filled with special values. We commend its offerings to those with limited purses and a large list of acquaintances—it'll help you.

Baby Plates
Covered Boxes
Mustard Pots
China Jugs
China Ornaments
Shaving Mugs
Marmalade Jars
China Plates
Manicure Trays
Cups and Saucers

Special Values at 25c

The 25 cent counter is a winner. Hundreds of pieces that would make splendid gift items are to be found on this counter. We list but a few here and make no attempt at descriptions. Come in and inspect the many offerings—values run up to double this amount. You'll not be disappointed in these offerings. Shall we see you today?

Dainty China Plates
China Manicure Trays
China Muffin Plates
China Jugs
China Mugs
Shaving Mugs
Trinket Boxes
Hair Receivers
Hatpin Holders
Butter Dishes
Cups and Saucers
China Ornaments
Marmalade Jars
Sugars and Creams
Tall Comports



Special Values at 50c

Fifty cents is a price that'll buy you a dainty present from a big choice of stylish pieces, for the 50c counter is laden with exceptionally handsome pieces. Don't miss seeing these offerings. The quality as well as the decorations are of more than ordinary worth and you'll find the values are exceptionally good. Come and take your choice.

Sugars and Creams
Belleek Mustards
Belleek Peppers
Moustache Cups
Tobacco Jars
Hatpin Holders
Marmalade Jars
Cups and Saucers
Candle Sticks
Shaving Mugs
Manicure Trays
Butter Dishes
Puff Boxes
Tea Pots
Fancy Jugs

CHINA TEA SETS FOR THE LITTLE FOLK AT \$1.25, \$1.50

Not Toy Sets but Handsome, Serviceable Sets of 17 and 23 Useful Pieces.

For the little folks we offer you some of the most attractive China Tea Sets of the season. These must not be confused with the little toy sets usually purchased in boxes, for they are artistic, useful sets. The decorations are attractive subjects that'll please the little tots, the ware of excellent quality and the prices remarkably fair. You'll make some little heart glad if you send one of these.

CHILD'S TEA SETS—A 23-piece set, consisting of teapot, sugar, cream, 6 plates and 6 cups and saucers. Pretty decoration. Priced at, per set\$2.00

CHILD'S TEA SETS—17-piece sets, consisting of teapot, sugar, cream and 6 cups and saucers. We have several decorations in these 17-piece sets, at \$1.50 and....\$1.25

3-piece China Tea Sets—Great Value at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

We offer some great values in 3-piece China Tea Sets, showing many attractive decorations. Such a set would be used many times during the course of the year and few gifts at the price would be more acceptable. Come in and let us show you some of these dainty pieces of china. Set consists of teapot, covered sugar and cream. Priced at \$1.50, \$1.25 and.....\$1.00

JOSEPH RODGERS & SONS CARVING SETS FOR GIFTS

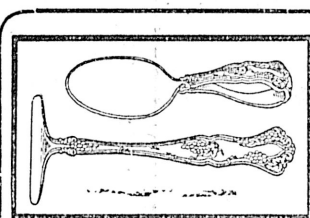
WE ARE the chief distributors, for these parts, for the famous Joseph Rodgers and Sons' Carving Sets and Table Cutlery. Be sure you get the genuine article—don't let an unscrupulous dealer pass off something with a similar sounding name. Always look for the D in the name Rodgers. The safe plan is to come to this store. We call special attention to our line of carving sets as a suitable gift suggestion. We have these in attractive, lined cases, and they make ideal gifts. The name Rodgers tells the recipient that you have thought her worthy of the best.

Three-piece Sets, in lined cases, at \$5, \$5.50, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10 and\$12.00

Five-piece Sets, \$10 to\$20.00



We also stock an excellent assortment of Table Cutlery of this make and invite you to inspect our offerings.



Baby Spoons and Pushers

Here is a gift that will last and become a valued souvenir of babyhood. Give the baby one of these Sterling Silver Baby Spoons or Pushers, and you give something that'll serve a useful purpose now and something that'll be treasured for years. Made of sterling Silver, they'll last.

We show many styles and at several prices—easy prices. Come in and let us show you some at—

\$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3

We show several attractive styles in Silver Mugs for the little folk. Another gift suggestion for the younger generation. Priced at—

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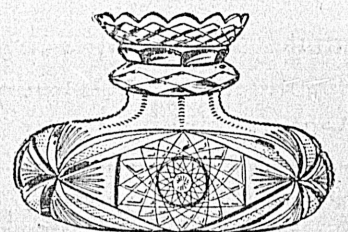
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We are sole Victoria agents and invite you to come in and inspect our magnificent stock—shown in a specially constructed room, used solely for the display of Cut Glass.

Dozens of gift pieces offered.



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PROMISING MINE CHANGES HANDS

M. K. Rogers Makes Final Payment on Hidden Creek Property

VANCOUVER, Dec. 15.—By the payment today of \$40,000 a mining deal was completed in Vancouver which is the largest purely coast transaction since the transfer of the Britannia property at Howe Sound. The payment today was the final one of \$135,000, the price of Hidden Creek property, situated within a short distance of Port Simpson.

Originally the claims were owned by R. P. Flewin, former government agent at Simpson, who three years ago turned over the property to J. T. Hills and S. S. Raymond, of Vancouver, on a bond. They did some devel-

opment work, and less than two years ago sold to M. K. Rogers, former manager of the Nickel Plate, at Hedley, B.C., for \$135,000. Mr. Rogers, who came to British Columbia as agent of the Marcus Daly estate, of Montana, made a fortune in the Nickel Plate. Since coming into possession of the Hidden Creek property he has invested another hundred thousand dollars in development work, which has exposed enormous bodies of ore. The mine is to be developed immediately on the same lines as the Britannia, except that an electric tram system instead of an aerial will be installed.

Two weeks ago Mr. Rogers is said to have received an offer of three and a half million dollars from the Amalgamated Copper Company for the property. He declined to sell.

Divorce Trials Pending.

Before Mr. Justice Gregory in Chambers yesterday the application of Mr. Robertson on behalf of the plaintiff in the divorce case of Smith vs. Smith, to dispense with a co-respondent and to take trial before a judge without a jury and by oral evidence only, was heard and an order was made. On application of Mr. S. D. Schultz before Mr. Justice Morrison on Tuesday the 14th inst., a decree nisi was granted in the petition for divorce from his wife being entered by Mr. Walter Bailey. The parties were married in Victoria in 1900.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE FARMERS

Bulletins of Department of Agriculture Are Eminently Practical

The eminently practical administration of the Provincial Department of Agriculture is further evidenced in two exceedingly comprehensive bulletins issued today from the Government Printing Office, the first of which deals in 200 well printed and illustrated pages with "Farmers' Pests and their Remedies," and the latter being a handbook of poultry raising, and marketing to the best advantage the products of the modern poultry farm. The scope and purport of Bulletin 24, which is partially a reprint of a former and much demanded publication of the Department, brought up to date by observations and the incorporation of the latest discoveries of kindred departments in other countries, is to afford a description in succinct form of these pests which are prevalent, reported or likely to be introduced in British Columbia, and their natural enemies, with the remedies prescribed by competent authorities, or which have been found in practical experience to be the most effective.

The question of pests, whether insect, disease or animal, and whether of plant or animal life, intimately affects the welfare of every tiller of the soil and breeder of animals, to an extent not generally recognized. The running of animals on ranges and rounding them up, occasionally, or feeding them, even if done lavishly,

about a farm, is not all the business of a breeder of animals, or the planting, cultivating and pruning of an orchard all that the fruit culturist has to do, to ensure success, or the sowing and reaping of grain all that the farmer is called upon to perform. The enemies of the products of these various vocations, whether of native or introduced origin, all demand close and constant attention. The lack of knowledge or of appreciation of the methods pursued by the successful person, not the least among which is the ceaseless warfare against insect and animal pests and diseases, is too often the cause of failure on the part of the farmer, and it is therefore hoped that the information furnished in the just issued bulletin, which is culled from all available authoritative sources, may prove a real benefit to all concerned. In fulfillment, therefore, of a long-standing promise for a publication dealing with the subject, this bulletin is now presented, and which it is earnestly hoped will meet most, if not all, of the conditions involved, and awake those especially interested in rearing and raising the repressive measures advocated against enemies and the protection of insect friends.

In presenting this brochure to the public, however, it is not for a moment pretended that the contents are all emanations resulting from the compiler's observations. It would be presumptuous to set up the compiler's opinions against those of persons who have made a life-long study of their respective subjects, with all the necessary opportunities to study the life histories of insect and plant life, and the most reliable methods of combating the depredations of the enemies of the stock, farmer and orchardist. The author has, therefore, endeavored, as far as possible, to cull the best from the researches of the most advanced entomologists and scientists of our own and other countries, supplemented by such information as naturally is obtained by constant contact with the subject under review, giving credit to the authorities quoted. Thanks are given to Dr. James Fletcher, Dominion Entomologist, and the Rev. Geo. W. Taylor, of Wellington, for assistance rendered in revising this work; also to Dr. S. F. Tolmie on "Stock Pests," and Mr. E. F. Robinson on "Bee Pests."

The brochure on poultry raising and its pests, and profits, contains 48 pages, filled with real information as to the selection of a suitable site for the buildings incident to a successful poultry farm, the erection of these buildings, the feeding and general care of the fowl, incubators, and chickens, handling and marketing birds and eggs. It is everywhere admitted that no section of Western America offers greater opportunities in poultry farming than does the territory immediately contiguous to Victoria, where the most innumerable sites obtainable that are dry, warm, and superlatively well adapted to the requirements of this industry—an industry which it may also be mentioned, is, when intelligently conducted, one of the most remunerative branches of farming specialization. With eggs at their present price, and spring chickens almost unobtainable at any price, while Victoria continues to import these necessities in carload lots, few will need to be told that there are opportunities in the branch of agriculture dealt with.

The two new bulletins may be described in brief as practical handbooks on their respective subjects, authoritative, up-to-date, and dealing in plain language with every ordinary difficulty and problem that is likely to present itself to the poultryman or the farmer. Such books in the farmer's library, such hundreds and thousands of dollars to him in the promotion of his business success, and by the enterprise of the Department they are available free to all who take the trouble to apply for them.

CAN MERE MORTALS CHASE OFF CLOUDS

"No," Says Local Meteorologist—But Listen to This Other Scientist.

Now that nice weather has returned again and Victorians feel a subtle sympathy for the poor mainlanders who are doomed to suffer the wrath of Jupiter Pluvius for months to come the question that was raised two weeks ago by a British scientist, "Are mortals quite helpless in the matter of bad weather?" becomes pertinent.

Mr. Baynes Reed, director of the local meteorological bureau, asked this question by the Colonist yesterday, said that up to the present no practicable method for controlling the weather had been introduced and, judging by indications, the poets of this generation would not be able to truthfully dash off "Jupiter Pluvius Bound."

However the British scientist referred to, while he would not commit himself as a scientist, was inclined to believe that human beings are not wholly helpless in the matter.

"Perhaps," he said recently "we are too tolerant of bad weather and do not, as we might, take steps to alter things at all. After all we know that a lot of rain is caused by physical conditions which we cannot control and we know that we deliberately blot out a considerable amount of sunshine which is doing its best to reach us. We know also that sunsets can be literally made to order.

Control Its Vagaries.

"So, it is really quite a debatable point whether by taking thought ye might not exercise some control over the vagaries of the weather.

"To take the case of rain first; generally speaking rain is merely the return to earth of water evaporated into clouds by the sun which as you are probably aware sucks up altogether some 6,000 cubic miles of water per annum from the whole world's surface.

"This 6,000 cubic miles of rain we have to endure whether we like it or not but over and above this there is rain which is derived from other causes most prominent of which are the smoke and dust and other impurities which we send up into the air.

"Some day dollars in rain-soaked manufacturing towns have this and then perhaps they will take steps to keep the air of their towns purer and get much less rain in consequence.

"And less rain would mean more



Holiday Handkerchiefs For Men Women and Children

And a more complete, varied and newer stock to choose from you couldn't wish for.

We've thousands of beautiful Handkerchiefs to sell between now and Christmas Eve, and they are irresistibly low-priced. We have gathered what is certainly the largest and choicest stock ever shown in this City, and because we bought in such generous quantities you'll save a pretty penny on your purchases.

Just take a trip through the Handkerchief Section—note the wonderful stock and the exceptionally low prices—it will be a revelation to you. We sell more handkerchiefs in December than all the other months of the year. Get your gift Handkerchiefs early, so as to get the best choice.

Here you will find Hemstitched Linens, Embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs for Women, Linen Hemstitch and Initialed Goods in Silk and Linen for Men, together with Plain, Fancy and Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs for Children.

Children's Handkerchiefs, in fancy boxes. Per box, 20c and **25c**
Children's Handkerchiefs, with colored borders. Each **5c**
Children's Pictorial Handkerchiefs. Per dozen **50c**
Children's Plain White Handkerchiefs. Per dozen **50c**
Ladies' Fancy Border Handkerchiefs. Two for **25c**
Ladies Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs. Three for **25c**

Ladies' Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 2 for 25c. Each, 20c, 25c and **35c**
Ladies' Pure Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 65c, 75c, 85c **\$1.00**
Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Each, 20c to **75c**
Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs. Each **10c**
Ladies' Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs. Each, 20c and **35c**
Ladies' Irish Lace Handkerchiefs. Each, 50c and **60c**

Ladies' Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs. Each \$1.40 up to **\$3.00**
Ladies' Real Lace Handkerchiefs. Each, \$1.40 up to **\$9.00**
Gentlemen's Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs. Each, 25c to **50c**
Gentlemen's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs. Each, 25c and **50c**
Gentleman's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs. Each **50c**
Gentlemen's Plain Silk Handkerchiefs. Each **50c**

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MEN'S SATIN CALF LACED BOOTS. Regular \$2.50. Bankrupt Price **\$1.45**

MEN'S AMERICAN KNEE GUM BOOTS. Bankrupt Price **\$3.45**

MEN'S VELOUR CALF, dull tops, welted soles, Blucher cut. Regular \$4.50 and \$5.00. Bankrupt Price ... **\$2.85**

LADIES' FINE KID LACED BOOTS, welted soles, J. & T. Bell's make. Regular \$4.00 to \$4.50. Bankrupt price **\$2.15**

LADIES' BOX CALF LACED BOOTS, heavy soles, blucher cut. Regular \$2.50 and \$3.00. Bankrupt price ... **\$1.90**

LADIES' KID LACED BOOTS, heavy soles, patent tip. Regular \$2.50. Bankrupt price **\$1.45**

LADIES' FELT SLIPPERS, English make. Bankrupt price, 45c and **70c**

MISSSES' CALF AND KID BLUCHER CUT LACED BOOTS, light and heavy soles, sizes 11 to 2. Regular \$2.25 to \$3.00. Bankrupt price **\$1.40**

CHILDREN'S CALF AND KID, same as above, sizes 8 to 12 1-2. Bankrupt price **\$1.15**

Sizes 5 to 7 1-2. Bankrupt price **\$1.00**

BOYS' SOLID LEATHER SCHOOL BOOTS, the kind that wears. Sizes 1 to 5. Regular \$2.00 to \$2.75. Bankrupt price **\$1.65**

YOUTHS' SOLID LEATHER SCHOOL BOOTS, sizes 11 to 13. Regular \$1.90 to \$2.25. Bankrupt price ... **\$1.45**

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and Broad

sunshine, for these same impurities, of course, shut out the sun.

"As to the sunsets of which I spoke I thought it was a matter of common knowledge that the more impurities there is in the air the greater the tendency of setting sun light to exhibit the golden tints that are so much admired.

"From these brief instances you will realize that man's control over weather conditions is even now far from negligible and may be much increased in the near future."

Cannot See It.

Mr. Baynes Reed however would not admit yesterday that there is any likelihood in the near future, so far

as his experience would lead him to believe, of man's discovering a means for controlling the weather.

It is a matter of record that men have tried to cause rain by firing cannon at great heights and that they have failed utterly. This idea was engendered by the knowledge that rain oftentimes followed great battles.

As for the sunshine Mr. Reed agreed that much could be done to let in more sunshine by the better disposition of the smoke nuisance. There was no doubt but that the smoke and reek could be done away with to a large extent and this would, naturally give us more sunlight. Speaking of sunsets Mr. Reed pointed out that

it was well worth knowing that impurities in the air caused brilliant and lurid sunsets and affected the sunset generally. He instanced the great eruption at Krakatoa in the Straits of Sunda, in 1883 when half a mountain was blown away and the air was filled with volcanic dust for a year afterwards. At that time the most wonderful sunsets on record noted in many parts of the world, among other places here in Victoria where the Rev. Percival Jerns recorded them. These were caused by the impurities thrown off from Krakatoa.

However, it is generally admitted that if the scientists ever do find a means for curbing and gagging Jupiter Pluvius it will be a great boon to poor Vancouver.

After a tour of the United States, the Pilgrim football team of England is leaving the country with an excellent record. The visitors lost only one out of the first twenty games played in America, that being to the Hibernians, of Philadelphia.

When a cold becomes settled in the system, it will take several days' treatment to cure it and the best remedy to use is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will cure quicker than any other, and also leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition.

The Practical Side of Christmas



Men seldom name the gifts they want—but they always want a new suit or overcoat—a really fine pair of trousers and a fancy vest.

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BUSINESS SUITS and OVERCOATS in the newest single and doublebreasted styles
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INITIALED HANDKERCHIEFS, ladies', up from	20¢
CHILD'S FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS	10¢
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LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS ladies', 30¢ to	12 1/2¢
LINEN TABLE COVERS, up from	85¢
DOYLIES, 50¢ to	2 1/2¢
SILK KIMONAS, up from	\$1.75
SILK STOCKINGS, per pair	\$1.10
GENTS' SILK SOCKS	90¢
GENTS' SILK SHIRTS, \$2.50 and	\$2.00

Embroidered Table Covers

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SILK OPERA CLOAKS, up from	\$7.50
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NEWS OF THE CITY

To Alter Building.

Alterations to cost \$4,000, will be made in the office building of the B. C. Land & Investment Agency, corner of Government and Broughton streets. A building permit was taken out yesterday by D. C. Frame, the architect. Thomas Catterall will make the repairs.

New Ventilation System.

Under the general supervision of Provincial Architect Griddle, a new and up-to-date ventilation system is at present being installed at the government printing office, for the special benefit of the composing room and bindery. The work promises to give every satisfaction and to make the sanitation of the departments interested much more efficient.

Fruit Surveys in Kootenay.

A complete system of surveys of the lands in Kootenay recently planted to fruit is at present being compiled by Mr. Middleton of the department of agriculture, who at present is engaged between West Robson and Proctor. It will be several weeks more before the results of his field work can be embodied in a report, to be made public through departmental channels.

A Handsome Head.

One of the best-balanced and largest heads of the race, British Columbia's—or the world's—largest representative of the deer family, has just been received as a present from an Atlin admirer, Mr. Dickenson, by Premier McBride. The splendid trophy is now being mounted in work of considerable difficulty inasmuch as the original preparation was far from professional, and hair-grafting is required for almost the entire head.

Investigates Charges.

The civic board of health will announce its decision upon the difficulties between Dr. Hermann Robertson and the matron and caretaker of the isolation hospital. The board at a meeting held both sides of the case. Dr. Robertson charges that the matron has not kept the hospital in proper shape and states that she has continually used abusive and disrespectful language to him on the occasion of his visits to the hospital. The matron claims that Dr. Robertson has favored certain nurses.

Stamps Selling Well.

The souvenir stamps issued for the purpose of swelling the funds of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association are reported to be meeting with ready sale in Victoria, and also at other central points throughout the province. Incidentally the managers of the local vaudeville houses are lending much appreciated assistance in the crusade by displaying advertising slides for the stamp sellers every night, in connection with the picture portion of their programmes.

Sessional Preparations.

Preparations for the approaching session of the local House are already beginning. Sergeant-at-Arms William Chambers being busily engaged at the Chamber and associated sessional apartments yesterday. It is expected there will be but few changes in the sessional staff, Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms McCuskey being again on duty, and James Robinson once more having charge of the Parliament restaurant as caterer. Special room for the accommodation of the members of the press gallery are being provided, despite the many demands upon space that is already taxed to the limit.

B. C. Investments Affected.

The tone political situation in the Old Country is stated by local men to be already seriously affecting investment in this province. During the present period of uncertainty, British moneyed men decline to discuss anything but their own politics, and several agents of British Columbia enterprises who have gone to London during the past few months, find that they can obtain no favorable opportunity just now to enlist support for their projects. Others who had intended appealing to British investors are awaiting an improved opportunity for presenting their cases.

Completed by Tuesday.

Excellent progress is being made with the paving of the James Bay Causeway, which already begins to show signs of approaching completion. It is arranged that the second track will be available for cars by Tuesday next, when regular and more frequent service will be resumed on the Douglas street-Outer Wharf and Spring Ridge-Beacon Hill lines. There have necessarily been many delays on these during the progress of operations at the Causeway, and the public will learn with great joy that the end is in sight—especially as the traffic promises to be unusually heavy this Christmas season.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 16, 1909: SYNOPSIS.

The high pressure area which for some days has been central over this province has begun to give way and is slowly moving eastward through the Canadian and American middle west provinces and states. Fair weather has been very general both on the Pacific slope and in the Prairie provinces, with normal temperatures west of the Rockies and with zero temperatures in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	35	43
New Westminster	32	38
Kamloops	24	30
Barkerville	16	26
Fort Simpson	32	..
Atlin	34	42
Atlin, Y. T.	2 below 10	..
Calgary, Alta.	22	30
Winnipeg, Man.	22	18
Portland, Ore.	32	46
San Francisco, Cal.	46	58

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light to moderate winds, chiefly northerly, generally fair with not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light to moderate winds, generally fair and not much change in temperature.

THURSDAY.

Highest 43 |

Lowest 31 |

Mean 38 |

Sunshine, 5 hours, 26 minutes.

Assignment and Dissolution.

Parry Jones & Co., Ltd., have assigned for the general benefit of creditors; Armstrong & Porter announce a dissolution of partnership.

Vancouver Charter Changes.

The usual list of amendments to the Vancouver City charter will be presented for consideration and approval at the forthcoming session of the local house, while amendments are also in draft for the False Creek Foreshores Act of 1894 in which Vancouver City has a special and almost exclusive interest.

Will Seek Private Acts.

It is the intention of several important business concerns to seek incorporation and special powers at the coming session, the latest of these announced being the Vancouver Logging Co., represented by Davis, Marshall, & MacNeill; and the B. C. Mainland & Coast Industrial Co., Ltd., represented by Mason & Mann, which latter company will ask special power to operate railways, etc.

Ten New Railways.

Notice is given in the current issue of the British Columbia Gazette of the tenth private bill for the incorporation of a new railway company at the forthcoming session of the legislature. The company in this latest case is announced by Burton and Walkem as solicitors and proposes to build and operate a standard railway from Khutze Inlet to a point near the mouth of Khutze river, the development of an important mining area being the object in view.

REFORMATORY NEEDED

Prison No Place for the Reclamation of Victims of the Drug Mania.

Broken in health, dispirited, reckless, a woman known to the police for long as a "hop fiend," and who just recently completed a term of a month in prison for a similar offence, was sent to prison again yesterday morning by Magistrate Jay on the charge of vagrancy and creating a disturbance.

She took the sentence without a sign of caring whether she lived or died. Separated from the fatal "hash-heesh" she was dejected and stupid, a pitiful object.

In passing sentence Magistrate Jay said that it was to be regretted that Victoria possessed no institution that would look after such delinquents as this woman. It was of no use to send her to jail. Her actions were quite beyond her control and a prison sentence did her no good.

Five drunks, some of whom had been celebrating gloriously judging by their appearance, paid the usual fine, and vanished like the rose.

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REVISION OF THE BANK ACT

External Examination.

In connection with the approaching revision of the Bank Act, the important question of the necessity for external examination of banks is discussed in a pamphlet issued by H. C. McLeod, General Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia. This is a subject which well merits the careful study of those who are interested in the stability of our banking system, either as shareholders, depositors or borrowers. Copies of the pamphlet will be supplied free by any of the Branches of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Lovely English Skirts and Blouses, suitable for Xmas presents, are now at the Beehive Cash Store, Douglas St., \$1.25 up. Special English Hose for Ladies and Men, 25c per pair, or 5 pairs \$1. Handsome Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 20c up.

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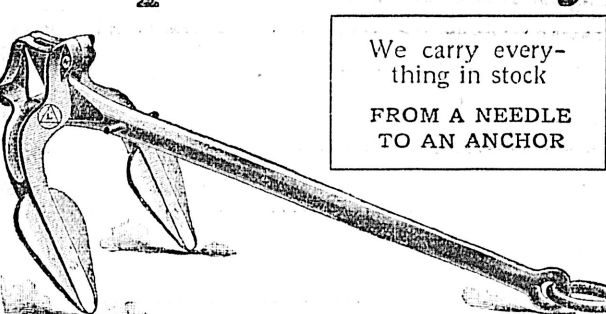
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GOVERNMENT IN EXECUTIVE

First Session Since Election Held Yesterday—Business Transacted

A first meeting of the provincial executive since the return of the government in triumph on the 25th ultimo was held yesterday, the Premier and Hon. Messrs. Bowser, Taylor, and Ellison being present. It was decided to adopt the principle accepted on the last occasion when these holidays fell upon Saturdays, and declare Friday, the 24th and Friday, the 31st inst., full holidays for members of the provincial civil service. A number of minor appointments, chiefly of notaries public, were approved, the filling of more important offices in the gift of the government going over for consideration at a full meeting of the cabinet arranged for Monday next.

Some little time of the Executive Council yesterday was given to consideration of the application of the Cranbrook Power & Light Co. for approval of this corporation's project for the economical development of power from St. Mary's river, in East Kootenai; further consideration being adjourned until Monday of next week.

A deputation from Prince Rupert, headed by Mr. William Manson, member-elect for Skeena, with whom also were Messrs. Clarke and Carse, was heard by the executive in support of the request of Prince Rupert citizens for an advance from the provincial treasury of a sum of \$50,000 for the acquisition of the pole line of the Prince Rupert Power & Light Co., and for the construction and installation of proper buildings and plant for the supply of electric light and power to Prince Rupert users of these modern essentials. This application will also be further considered on Monday, by which date Hon. Dr. Young and Hon. E. L. Carter-Cotton are expected to be in the capital.

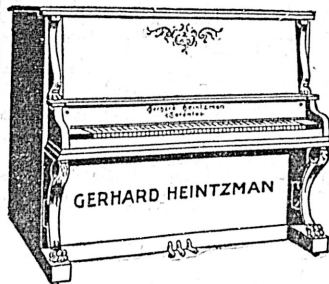
The extraordinary assistance sought by Prince Rupert is in a measure justified by the large property interest which the province has in the new terminal city in association with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co. It is not by any means proposed that the assistance desired shall take the form of a grant, but merely a convenience loan, to be repaid with incidental charges so soon as Prince Rupert shall become an incorporated city with usual tax-levying and collecting powers.

Bible Class Gathering.

A meeting of all the adult Bible classes of the city will be held in Centennial Methodist Church, Gorge road, on Sunday afternoon next commencing at 2.30. The lessons of the last quarter will be briefly outlined by Messrs. H. S. Pringle, W. J. Shortt and C. C. Michener, and a chance will be given all those present to indulge in an open discussion on the different speakers' remarks. A good programme has been arranged and all those interested in the work are cordially invited to be present.

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Ordered for Xmas arrived this morning. "Canada's Premier Piano," as the Gerhard Heintzman has been rightly termed, is the one Piano that responds most completely to the demands of the virtuoso. Its unrivalled fullness, richness, sweetness and sympathetic qualities are well known the world over. These lovely new designs will delight all who have an eye to artistic beauty. They come in mottled mahogany, Circassian walnut, Mission, Early English and other styles.

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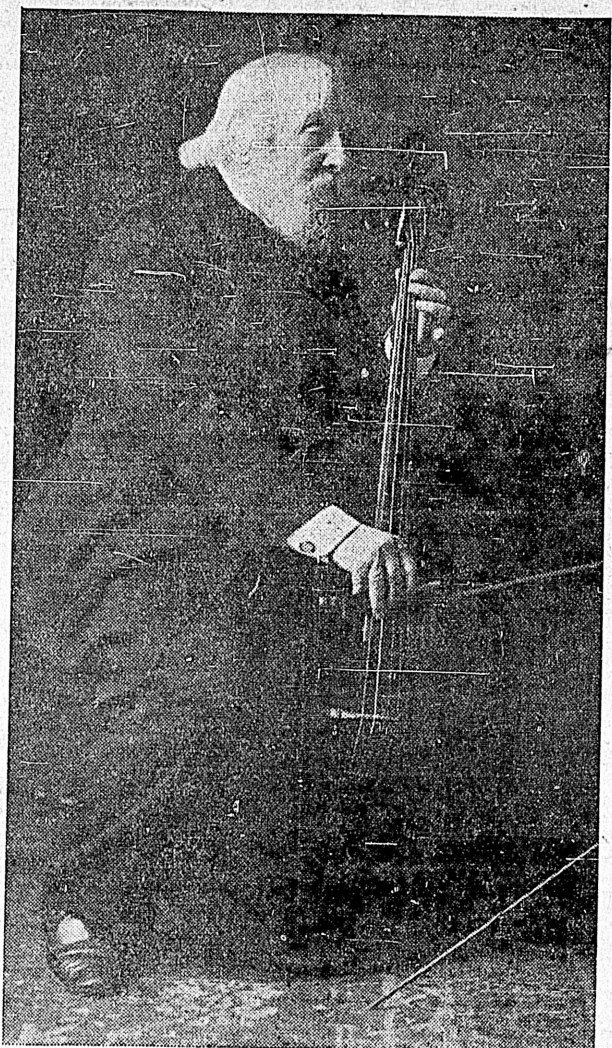
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The Right Rev. Edward Cridge, Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Canada, today celebrates his ninety-third birthday. Born at Bratton Fleming, Devonshire, in 1815, he sailed for Victoria in 1855. He was elected a

bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church in 1875. He is one of the handful of pioneers who survive, is universally beloved and respected, and today the recipient of the good wishes of Victorians generally.

NECESSITY OF IMPROVING HARBOR

Board of Trade Committee Wants Big Expenditure on Immediate Work

The urgent need of improvements being carried out in the local harbor was discussed at a meeting of the harbor committee of the board of trade held yesterday morning. The committee decided on a report which it is hoped to present at a special meeting of the board to be held next Wednesday afternoon.

The members of the committee were impressed with the necessity of the improvement of Victoria Harbor being greatly expedited. The plans for the proposed improvement were generally approved, but the committee also expressed the opinion that there were serious objections to the plans for the G. T. P. wharves, and the certainty that other transcontinental railways would be immediately looking for equal, and probably larger facilities, that the time had arrived to accelerate the work of improvement in the highest degree.

The objections to the plans for wharves as filed by the G. T. P. had arisen through the restricted navigable waterways, caused in large part by the existence of the rock situated south-east of Hospital Point. It developed at the meeting that an expert authority had stated that the inner harbor, if properly dredged out, would have a waterfrontage exceeding in area that of Esquimalt.

Estimate of Money Needed.

The estimate of the sum necessary for immediate requirements was between \$300,000 and \$400,000. By a part of the scheme outlined the value of the reclaimed land would probably be worth more than the proposed dredging.

It is not unlikely that the board of trade will immediately try to advance the scheme for a Brothie Ledge breakwater. The plans for the breakwater, if constructed from the mainland to Brothie Ledge, would provide wharf accommodation for ocean vessels more extensive than that now existent in San Francisco.

Criticism was advanced at the meeting, that hitherto when projects of such importance to the city were brought forward, the citizens had been in the habit of treating them as utopian. It was stated that if the plan met with the proper support from the citizens the improvements to the inner harbor of Victoria would have advanced to such a stage as to have rendered futile any objections to the G. T. P. proposals for the construction of wharves.

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SAYS DAVIS WHIPS HIS HORSE

S. P. C. A. Inspector May Ask Why Fire Chief Hurries to Fires

One of the first complaints to be received by J. T. Russell, Victoria's newly-appointed inspector for the S. P. C. A., was sent in to him yesterday in the form of an allegation that Fire Chief Davis abuses his horse when driving to fires. Inspector Russell laid the complaint on the table and will investigate it.

Mr. Russell took up his new duties yesterday. He was formerly connected with Saanich municipality and he has had wide experience in provincial police work. The society is congratulating itself on its choice.

To the Colonist yesterday Inspector Russell stated that he intends to be "on the job" from the first and all cases that come to his notice will be thoroughly investigated and proper action taken.

Inspector Russell will be quartered in the S. P. C. A. office with Secretary Thomas W. Palmer who has served the society well for a long time, and who will continue as secretary. In a few days Inspector Russell will have a telephone installed in his residence where he may be reached in the evening. Early in January a new uniform will be ready for the new official and it is likely that he will become a familiar figure about the city.

PROVINCIAL BAR GAINS MEMBERS

Eleven Gentlemen Learned in the Law Admitted to B. C. Practice

The creation of the new appellate court in this province was the cause of a little irregularity in legal circles yesterday, which caused some amusement among the lawyers, but which was corrected. Eleven successful candidates for admission to the bar, who completed their examinations two days ago, were called and admitted at a special meeting of the Benchers of the Law Society, presided over by Mr. C. E. Pooley, K.C., yesterday morning. Then, when they went to be sworn in, Mr. Justice Irving was the judge named. The proceedings would have been all in good order but for the fact that the rules call for such formality to be carried out before a judge of the Supreme Court, while Mr. Justice Irving is now of the Appellate Court. This was pointed out, and the new legal lights of British Columbia went before Mr. Justice Gregory, of the Supreme Court, and were sworn in.

The successful candidates were all from eastern provinces and all lawyers of experience who desire to practice in this province. After the ceremony they scattered and most of them will practice in the smaller towns of the province. The gentlemen admitted were: F. B. Hill, M. S. Lane, F. C. Moffat, H. S. Wood, J. M. Price, S. H. Roe (admission only), F. J. McDougall, A. N. Daykin, J. R. Archibald, George Black and C. E. Fitzgerald.

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RED LABEL COFFEE, ground on bean, 1 lb. tin25c

CHASE & SANBORN'S COFFEE, 1 lb. tin 40c, 2 lb. tin75c

PURE GOLD PREPARED ICINGS, per pkt.10c

CORN STARCH, 3 pkts. for25c

PURE BLACK PEPPER, per lb.25c

ISLAND APPLES, per box \$1.90, or 4 lbs. for25c

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gall, A. N. Daykin, J. R. Archibald, George Black and C. E. Fitzgerald. Yesterday afternoon the candidates were presented to the court by H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., on behalf of the Benchers, and sworn in.

Mr. Justice Gregory welcomed the newcomers very cordially, referring to the fact that he too, like them, was just launching forth on a new career. His was to be a judicial career—their professional. The Bench required the co-operation of the Bar and vice versa, in the public interest. Much depended upon the handling of a case by the advocate whether the judge could deliver a sound and satisfactory judgement. His lordship looked to the assistance of the Bar to enable him to perform his duties satisfactorily and he would see to it that he rendered the Bar his full share of the assistance due it from the Bench. Having asked each of the new members if he had anything to bring before the court, his lordship wished all success in their careers in British Columbia.

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EMPRESS CLUB TO GIVE TOURNAMENT

Victoria's Mitt Handlers Confident of Balancing Accounts

Victoria boxers went to Vancouver in search of scalps. They were scalped. It's the mainlanders turn to carry the war into the camp of the Islanders and the latter, nothing loth, are going to give them the chance. Incidentally they feel confident that the result in this instance will be a reversal of the story related. It will be said, they declare, that certain Vancouverites went into foreign fields looking for trophies and, instead, had theirs stripped from them.

The opportunity of balancing accounts will be furnished the Victorians by the Empress Athletic club. That organization, which has proven itself one of the more energetic and enterprising of the local athletic bodies, has had under consideration the conducting of an amateur boxing contest, open to the boxers of British Columbia, for some months. Its plans have just about reached fruition and in a few days it is expected that a definite announcement will be made as to when and where the events will be held. For this all fight fans will wait with ill suppressed eagerness.

It is pointed out that the plucky quartette which went from this city to Vancouver last Tuesday, and were defeated, while not unworthy and although doing Victoria credit, could not be termed truly representative of the standing of the boxing fraternity of the southern part of Vancouver Island. For instance there is Cohen, and there is Bailey, and there are others, whose names don't occur at the time of writing, who will be on hand to defend Victoria's fair name with in the squared arena against all

comers. They couldn't go to Vancouver because "life is short and time is fleeting" but they will find a moment or two to spare in the endeavor to show Vancouverites that there is good stuff on this side of the Gulf—men who are clever with their mitts and are not afraid of pitting their endurance and their mentality against the best from the outside.

SECOND DIVISION SOCCER TOMORROW

No Local League Senior Matches, But Four Intermediate Teams Will Compete.

Eight teams of the Second Division Soccer League will tomorrow battle on the local gridiron for a place higher in the standing of the league. Now that the season is half way over and every game counts, the matches on Saturday are of great importance. The teams have been kept busy by their captains in preparation for tomorrow's games and the contests will undoubtedly display some excellent playing. Every indication points to keen matches and the weather man has promised to arrange some good soccer sunshine for the day.

There will be no senior matches tomorrow afternoon. The games, four in number, will be called at 2.30 p.m., and have been divided between the two grounds, Oak Bay and Beacon Hill. At the former ground the Y. M. C. A. athletes will try conclusions with the Empress club, while E. L. Tate will handle the whistle. At the same ground, the North Wards will battle with Esquimalt and K. G. McKenzie will be supervisor of the match.

Beacon Hill the other two matches are slated to take place and involve the Baraca Club vs. the Beacon Hills and the Fifth Regiment boys vs. Victoria West. In the first mentioned match "Boj" Lorimer will officiate with the whistle and the latter game F. Richardson, Sr., will referee. Owing to the fact that there are no senior games scheduled tomorrow will see large numbers of soccerites on hand to do their best as professional rooters and some closer games are in store for the wise ones who view the games.

An Even Break.
It was an even break in the intermediate and junior league basketball matches played between the Victoria West and Y. M. C. A. teams yesterday. The Wests were successful in the intermediate battle while the Y. M. C. A. carried off the honors in the other encounter. Both were keenly fought from the drop of the hat.

Next on the programme is an amateur boxing contest in Victoria. They say that some difficulty is being experienced in obtaining a permit. What stands in the way is hard to conjecture. Any amateur sport surely is permissible and if the Empress club is endorsed by the B.C.A.A.U. what more is necessary?

REAL CLASS IN EMPRESS JAUNT

Handicapper Sweeney Places Runners According to Form Displayed

With but a few more days in which to prepare for the big two-mile race around the Beacon Hill track, the Empress Club athletes are beginning to ease up a wee bit in their training and have until next Tuesday night work will be the done.

Interest is waxing warm around the hotel athletic club and the members are very keen on the race. Being a handicap it is hard to pick the winner as there are over a dozen long-distance hikers going out after the bacon. Although many of the entrants have been in action there are a great number who are newcomers to the game and with a fair lead they should be able to make a hot fight for the tape. Cliff Carroll, the crack boy, who is now in the Empress ranks, is naturally conceded to be the winner as he has had more experience in the game than have any of the others. But then Carroll has to go some to catch up to the handicapped runners.

Besides Carroll there are speed burners like Bruce Sterling, Sharp, and Ernie Tribe, who should be able to do well at their handicaps.

Many of the Empress soccer players will be in on this race, amongst them being Fox, Miller, Parnwell and Price. All of these are good at soccer and with their starts they might spring a surprise on the fans that are interested in the race. "Dad" Lucas is also to be figured as the veteran in his rare form at the present time, having been in strict training for some days past.

The placing of the handicaps has been left to Jack Sweeney, the local niter who has placed the various runners where they belong. The past performances of those competing have been taken into consideration and Handicapper Sweeney has given the athletes their marks accordingly. This is how the runners will line up at the Beacon Hill track on next Tuesday afternoon to fight the two-mile club supremacy:

Clifford Carroll—Scratch. Has real class.
Bruce Sterling—Handicap, 250 yards. A strong stick.
Sharp—Handicap, 275 yards. Good while ahead.
Ernie Tribe—Handicap, 350 yards. Likes this distance.
Miller—Handicap, 350 yards. A debutante. Can go.
Price—Handicap, 350 yards. Well trained and figures.

IN DEFIANT MOOD.
There will be no Victoria First Division matches tomorrow, but the Victoria West and A. O. F. teams will fill their engagements with Lady Smith, at Ladysmith, and with Nanaimo, at the Canteen grounds, Esquimalt, respectively. Reports received last night are to the effect that a final decision had been reached to ignore the B. C. A. A. U. ruling so that the battle may now fairly be considered on. It's the union's next move.

Fox—Handicap, 400 yards. May be dark horse.
Parnwell—Handicap, 400 yards. Speedy sprinter. Looks dangerous.
Richmond—Handicap, 420 yards. A regular pony boy.
Dorand Lucas—Handicap, 440 yards. Just watch his dust.
George Pauling—Handicap, 440 yards. Runs like Taft.
Henshaw—Handicap, 440 yards. No spring chicken.
Ceral—Handicap, 440 yards. Just arrived from Athens.

CRISIS IN B. C. HOCKEY UNION

Vancouver Club Refuses to Accept Finding of the Executive

What is apparently a crisis has arisen in the B. C. Hockey Union due to the action of Vancouver in refusing to accept the ruling of the executive. The events which have led up to the present contretemps are as follows: On the 20th ultimo a game was played in Vancouver between North Vancouver and the Vancouver eleven in the series for the Prior trophy. The game was an exceedingly rough one and resulted in Cardinal, one of the North Vancouver players, being incapacitated and having to be removed from the field. The match was won on the score by Vancouver, the game finishing 4 goals to 1 in favor of the Terminal City. Subsequently North Vancouver lodged a protest on the grounds of rough and illegitimate tactics adopted by the Vancouver players. The protest was heard at a meeting of the B. C. Hockey Union at which Captain Macdonald, W. Mason and C. J. Paget Ford were present.

The executive decided "That the game played on the 20th ultimo between North Vancouver and Vancouver should not be taken into consideration and that the match be replayed on the same grounds (Vancouver) on January 1, 1910, and refereed by Captain Macdonald and C. J. Paget Ford. That Mr. Bayfield, (a member of the Vancouver team) on account of his attack on Mr. Cardinal (a member of the North Vancouver team) be suspended from playing in the league for the rest of the season. That Mr. Farquhar (a member of the Vancouver team) be censured for his language on the field."

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Vancouver Objects.

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bets on the result of league games be made, at least by any players engaged in the different teams. That the captain of the league teams be informed that they are to enforce clean play by the members of their teams. That under cutting be abolished, and that no threats of "getting even" or "laying out" opponents be made, and that the referees acting in league matches enforce clean play to the utmost degree. It was resolved that this verdict was rendered after long and careful consideration of the protest and was in-

a telegram received from C. Maitland McDougall, captain of the Vancouver eleven, addressed to C. J. Paget Ford, secretary of the B. C. Hockey Union, stating that the club refused to recognize Bayfield's suspension, and stating that the team would not travel to play Victoria on Saturday unless Bayfield was reinstated.

The following telegram was sent back in reply: "Bayfield suspended by executive meeting of league. Matter cannot be reconsidered. Unless you send team to play Victoria here on

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Saturday game will be awarded to Victoria by default." Such is the present condition of affairs and at the time of writing it is not known if Vancouver will send a team over here on Saturday. Should the Terminal City default it is stated by local members of the B. C. Hockey Union that it will mean that the club will be ostracised from the league, through failing to accept the findings of the executive.

The situation is a most interesting one, and nothing of a similar nature has ever arisen since the game was introduced to B. C. Spectators of the projected match between Vancouver and North Vancouver state that it was the roughest ever seen in the province, that the Vancouver players adopted tactics utterly out of keeping with the traditions of the game, and that the finding of the B. C. Hockey Union was perfectly justifiable and consonant with the facts of the case. The union, as far as its local members are concerned, intends adhering rigidly to the findings in connection with the projected match, and behind the union is

the solid support of the Victoria, the Garrison and the North Vancouver hockey clubs.

ONCE MORE BANKERS OVERPOWER RIVALS

In an intermediate league game the Victoria Bankers defeated Cloverdale yesterday evening in the J.B.A.A. gymnasium by a score of 20 to 17. The game was exceedingly rough and was witnessed by as large a crowd as could get in the J.B.A.A. gymnasium, several of the fair sex from Cloverdale being present. The Cloverdale team took the lead from the start on account of free throws given them in the first half, but towards the end of the first half the Bankers took the lead and kept it till the end. The first half ended 10 to 8 in favor of the bankers. The winning team lined up as follows: Guards, Archibald and McKeon; centre, Newmarch; Forwards, Holden and Harris. Roskamp refereed the game.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

H. G. Gamble, C. P. R. engineer, Vancouver, is at the Empress.

Mrs. F. G. Garbutt, of Calgary, is spending a few days at the Empress.

W. H. Olm, of Seattle, is again at the Empress.

Milton Price, of St. John, N. B., is at the Empress.

Mr. J. M. Allan, from Bellingham, is in town.

James Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, with headquarters at Vancouver, is at the Empress.

William Manson, M. P. P., J. J. Sloan and H. H. Clarke, of Prince Rupert, are Empress guests.

W. G. McMorris, manager of the Nelson Daily News, is spending a few days at the Empress.

George Black and Frank J. McDougall are down from Dawson and guests at the Empress.

D. W. Hutchinson arrived yesterday from Calgary and will be an Empress guest for several days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Ballin, from New York, are spending some little time in town at the Empress.

"The Men of the Hour" have issued invitations for a dance for Monday next at the Broad Street Hall.

Mr. Claud Fitzmaurice, from Tipperary, Ireland, is a recent arrival in town, and will spend Christmas here.

Major Bennett is leaving town today for a month's visit to California, which he will spend visiting friends.

Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, was a passenger from Skagway to Seattle by the Jefferson, and is expected to reach the Capital today.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Price, of Vancouver, who have been visiting friends in Esquimalt recently, have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Newland, of Tod Inlet, left town on Monday for Kingston, Ont. They will be away until February 1st.

It is expected that Mrs. Thomas Taylor and family will arrive at the end of the week from Revelstoke, to take up their residence in Victoria.

Mrs. W. L. Jones, from Tacoma, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. H. P. Johnson, Fort street, and will spend Christmas with her.

William Blakemore, M. E., left this morning for Ashcroft, intending to be absent from the city for four or five days.

Miss Nathalie Hartman, of Portland, Oregon, is visiting in Victoria as a guest of Mr. Fred J. Hall, Jr., at 120 Ontario street.

Mrs. W. A. Churton, of Vancouver, left last week for California, where she will spend the next few months. Mr. Churton accompanied her as far as Victoria.

The management of the Empress have issued invitations for the annual employees' ball, which is to be given at the Empress Hotel on Wednesday, December 29th.

Among this week's visitors to Vancouver are Capt. H. S. Hughes, Mr. H. D. Clark, Mr. T. J. Molyneux, Mr. R. W. Gibson, Mr. A. Craig, Mr. A. Stewart, Mr. A. S. Meredith, and Miss Dewar.

Among the Vancouverites at the Empress today are William A. Black, Charles J. Peter, C. G. and Mrs. Johnson, P. M. Lindsay, A. A. McPhail, A. A. Jones, H. R. Bellamy, R. J. Deachman, H. Bayley and Miss Enid Bayley, J. W. McFarlane, J. C. Moon and R. C. Stoddard.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Gardom have recently arrived from Enderby in the Okanagan Valley, and will make their future home in Vancouver. Mrs. Basil Gardom was well known in Vancouver three years ago as Miss Helen Munro, being an accomplished pianist and soprano soloist. She is an exhibitioner and certificated pianist of Trinity College, London, and a pupil of Henry Bird, Coleridge Taylor, and the Countess von Hensel, and has a number of friends in Vancouver's musical circle.

Much anxiety is felt among the many friends of Dr. Alexander Robinson, provincial superintendent of education, and Mrs. Robinson, over the serious condition of the latter's health. For several days Mrs. Robinson has been lingering between life and death as the result of plural and capillary pneumonia, and although she was somewhat better yesterday very grave fears are entertained for her recovery. The utmost sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and the large family of children.

Recent visitors in town from Vancouver are: Mr. H. J. James, Mr. J. Balmer, Mrs. J. J. Dewar, Mr. H. D. Clark, Mr. J. W. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Churton, Mr. R. S. Coxon, Col. Boulton, Miss Paterson, Mr. P. N. Thompson, Mr. G. G. Bevan, Mr. R. J. Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Neale, Mr. W. Sudbury, Mr. A. J. Blackett, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Mr. G. R. Dwight, Mr. Charles P. Law, Mrs. E. J. Clark, Mr. E. Bottomley, Mr. G. W. Burnett, Mrs. H. S. Clark, Mrs. R. C. Crackenthorp, Mr. R. A. Ogilvie, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Walker.

Additional particulars of a marriage of interest to Victorians has been received. It was that of Miss Gertrude Hickey, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hickey of Victoria and Mr. Arthur Harvey also of this city, which was very quietly celebrated in Vancouver on Wednesday the 15th.

The bride who was charmingly gowned in pale pink and groomed in pale pink ladies cloth, tailored, with a very rich set of sables, was given away by her father, Miss Violet Hickey who acted as bridesmaid looked extremely well in white cloth tailored with a white fox turban and furs.

The groom being ably supported by Mr. E. P. Colley of Victoria. The bride's mother wore a very handsome black silk gown relieved by touches of white and a black and white toque. Mrs. G. S. Holt was attired in a pale blue cloth suit and white hat.

After the ceremony the bride's party partook of a dainty luncheon at the Vancouver hotel, leaving later in the

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Young Seattle Couple Evade Parents and Are Married Here

Running away from Seattle in an attempt to evade the parental vigilance and coming here to Victoria to get married, two Seattle young people accomplished their purpose on Wednesday, but yesterday morning were taken into custody by the local police at the request of the Sound city authorities. In charge of a Seattle constable the pair were taken back last night to their home city where the youth will be proceeded against for abducting the fifteen year old girl who is now his wife.

On Wednesday the pair who gave their names as Florence Lucille Simpson and R. E. Craven appeared before Sheriff Richards and applied for a marriage license which they secured. The girl appeared very young but she maintained that her age was 22, and that is the age set forth in the marriage certificate which was made out by Rev. Dr. Campbell, by whom the two were married.

On Wednesday evening the local police authorities received a wire from the Seattle department asking that the pair be arrested and held and every effort made to stop the ceremony but the telegram came too late. The arrest was effected yesterday morning about 9 o'clock by Detective Carlow at the St. Francis hotel and the two taken to the police station where they were held for a short time when the girl was allowed to go to a private home for the day. Craven was held at the police station until last night when he was taken to the boat by the Seattle officer. The girl also returned on the boat. The marriage of the two was strongly objected to by the girl's parents who did everything they could to frustrate the intention of their daughter but she succeeded in giving her parents the slip and it was not until the boat had left Seattle that the parents became cognizant of her departure. They appealed to the Seattle authorities and the local police were notified.

PLUMBERS AS HOSTS

Annual Banquet of Local Union Last Night Proves Successful Function.

At a most successful annual banquet held by the local members of the Plumbers Union, No. 324, over sixty of the craft last night spent several jovial hours at the Poodle Dog cafe. The affair was attended by many distinguished Victoria guests, while the programme proved that the local plumbers possess the kings of entertainers. A programme which was attended by the best local talent and among whom appeared that well known Scottish singer, Mr. J. McVie. He was forced to render several of Harry Lauder's winners as extras.

After the supper was completed the president, Brother Mackey, of the local union addressed the assemblage and proposed the toast to the King, which was loyally honored. A piano solo by Mr. McConnell, a selection by Mr. Marsh in excellent voice, and a highly appreciated song by Brother Newlands preceded the toast to the guests. In concluding the banquet Brothers Mackey and Dobie gave vocal selec-

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and the president expressed his delight at the representative gathering and success of the banquet. The function was brought to a close by the strains of "God Save the King."

Campaigners Meet.

Owing to the alterations in program at the drill hall the regular monthly meeting of the British Campaigners' Association will take place this evening at 8 in Room 1, at the A. O. U. W. hall.

Boy Scouts Parade.

The first massed parade of the Boy Scouts, recently organized in Victoria, was held at the drill hall last night. There were over a hundred boys on parade, and they presented a smart appearance. Lieut. Col. J. A. Hall, who recently resigned the command of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., has consented to take the position of Scout Commissioner for Vancouver Island, and will be in charge of the brigades on the island.

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Ventilation For Mines.

The tendency of the times is in the direction of establishing large mines and recovering ever increasing areas of coal from one shaft or adit. The contrast between this system and that in vogue even fifty years ago is both interesting and instructive, and perhaps the most conspicuous feature of the new development is in connection with ventilation.

When the writer was a boy, it was not uncommon to find an average of one shaft for every two or three acres. A well known property, situated at Willehall in South Staffordshire belonging to the old firm of Sparrows, consisted of fifty acres, and there were fifteen separate shafts and workings. Of course these were connected for purposes of ventilation and drainage. There were five seams of coal, and four of ironstone, in a section not exceeding 300 feet in depth.

This is one of the richest sections of mining territory in the world and over a period of forty years, which it took to exhaust the minerals in this property, the owners made a profit estimated at \$10,000,000. There were no mechanical appliances for ventilating purposes, but in dull heavy weather a fire was lighted at the bottom of the shaft, and the ascending hot air helped to accelerate the current.

Forced Explosions.

There were, however, extensive mining districts in which not even this crude method of stimulating the air current was resorted to. In Somersetshire, for instance, it was from time immemorial the custom for one man to descend the shaft alone, proceed into the workings with a naked light and purposely cause an explosion to get rid of the accumulated gas. He would take off his coat and put it over his head and face, and as a rule the quantity of gas was so small that nothing serious resulted. Occasionally he would get his hair and eyebrows singed, but not often. When the process was over he would shout up the shaft "all right," and the other men would be lowered to work.

Benshing Gas.

There was a simpler method in very general use, even in large mines, where



a small quantity of gas had accumulated. A man would cautiously proceed to the workings where he expected to find the gas.

Being lighter than common air, the gas would lie near the roof, he would therefore carry his naked candle near the floor and when he came to the right place would cautiously raise it higher and higher, holding his hand as a screen in front of him. Presently he would notice the flame of the candle becoming elongated, then there would be a yellowish halo above it, and a little higher the yellow halo would turn into a bright bluish cap, and at this stage of the proceedings the candle would be carefully lowered again, and the miner would have discovered what thickness of gas lay against the roof.

He would then carry his candle back down the road ten or twenty yards and the case might be, take off his coat return to the body of gas and deliberately brush or swish it out with the coat. This was a very primitive method which had its disadvantages because sometimes the gas in passing over the naked candle which he had left down the road would explode, then the miner would throw himself on his face and lie there until the fumes had passed away.

The First Fan.

The earliest mechanical appliance for stimulating ventilation and removing gas was a blow-george, a species of small hand fan, which being connected to a line of thin sheet iron pipes would be turned by a boy, more intermittently than continuously.

It would expel a small volume of air, sufficient to keep the face of a road or heading "sweet," but it was laborious work, just about as hard as churning or mangling, and in consequence it was difficult to get a boy to turn it except after a shot had been fired and it was necessary to clear out the smoke. Still even this primitive appliance was better than nothing, and has saved many precious lives.

Furnace Ventilation.

It was but a step from the hand fan to the power driven fan, and in England the latter of the simplest type came into general use between thirty and forty years ago. Prior to that furnace ventilation had become very general, and was reduced to scientific principles.

No matter how deep the shaft a huge furnace would be constructed near the bottom. The fire space in a large mine would probably be eight feet in width and twelve to sixteen feet in length, and an arched brick flue would form the chimney from the furnace to the upcast shaft. By the consumption of a very formidable tonnage of coal, the furnace would be maintained at a great heat, and the upcast column of air raised in temperature.

This is the crudest description of a system of ventilation which in the early seventies was in general use, even in the largest and best equipped mines. But before the 80's it was generally condemned, both on the ground of cost and safety. The consumption of fuel, when carefully checked and charged up, was found to be enormous, and the efficiency very low.

Then there was the constant danger of an explosion when the return air carrying gas passed over the furnace. This led to the institution of a system known as "Wind Entries" under which the return air no longer passed over the furnace but along an independent drift, and was led into the upcast shaft, some considerable distance above the furnace flue, thus keeping it from contact with the flame.

Mechanical Ventilation.
But by degrees it became established that the increasing requirements of a more extensive system of mining could not be met by furnace ventilation, even when the latter was conducted on the largest possible scale, and so the fan became the one recognized means of supplying adequate ventilation for modern purposes.

The first fan consisted of a single shaft, with straight spokes and vanes, blowing into a line of pipe. This was quickly succeeded by the Gubral, the invention of a Frenchman; a large fan sometimes running as much as fifty feet in diameter and twelve feet across the vane. It was expensive to construct and to erect, because it had to be boxed in a brick or stone house. It was the pioneer of the slow-speed fans, running at about forty to fifty revolutions a minute. There was one in operation at Nanaimo until recently, even if it is not working now. It was put in some years ago by Mr. S. St. Robins, and has given excellent results. Such a fan has been taken as approximately 100,000 cubic feet per minute circulation, with a two-inch water gauge.

Another favorite fan of the slow revolution type was the Waddle. It is an open-running fan, discharging the air direct from the periphery into the atmosphere, instead of, as in most cases, into a spiral casing. It is chiefly noticeable for its steadiness and absence of vibration due to the load being constant on every part of it when at work. Since the high speed fans have come into more general use, the Waddle has been adapted to run faster, and is now used with a direct drive, although it is better to have recourse to belts or ropes for electric driving.

Such a fan is now running at a well known mine in Northumberland and giving excellent results. It is a standard six-foot fan running at 500 revolutions per minute, and with a water gauge of three inches, and an equivalent orifice of 2 1/2 square feet gives 96,000 cubic feet of air per minute.

For electric driving the largest self-contained Waddle fans made up to the present are 18 feet in diameter, and for steam-engine drive 25 feet. The highest speed Waddle fan is rapidly superseding the old slow-speed, and the principal on which it is constructed bids fair to render it a popular successor of the former.

There are a number of high speed fans, however, which are considered to be superior to the Waddle, at any rate by some experts on ventilation. The Schiele and Rateau may be mentioned in this connection, and one of the best fans on the market is undoubtedly the Walker Indestructible.

The first fan of this make ever erected in Canada was imported by Mr. Charles Fergie, and installed at the Drummond mine, Westville, Nova Scotia, as long ago as 1894. It has given excellent results, and has led to the adoption of many more of the same make by the leading mining companies of the Maritime provinces. Recently the Western Fuel Company

have installed a high speed fan at Nanaimo, and by so doing have more than doubled the ventilating current in the mine. In short it may be taken for granted that the high speed fan has finally ousted every other ventilating appliance for use in extensive mining. The next move will be to insist on larger main air-ways, especially in the return. The use of the high speed fan, with its enormous ventilating capacity, has a tendency to keep down the size of the airway at the expense of increased friction, and a high water-gauge. The tendency in the future will be to reduce the friction and to lower the water gauge by increasing the area of the principal air-ways, this will add to the efficiency of the ventilating fan and tend to develop a system of ventilating by separate panels, and splitting the air more frequently.

These are comparatively modern developments, but their use is extending and by degrees the principles of ventilation, as laid down so admirably by Atkinson, nearly half a century ago, are being universally acknowledged. The result is a very appreciable improvement in the hygienic aspect of mining, and an increase in the element of safety. After all no branch of mining is so important as ventilation, because nothing affects so large a number of the workmen, and nothing is calculated to influence the safety factor to the same extent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Words of Appreciation

Sir—I want to thank you for that exceedingly able article on "The Home Stretch" which appeared in Sunday's Colonist. It states the case of young people's perils and possibilities, with such force and clearness that I could wish every young man and young woman in the province might read and carefully ponder the important message it contains. A celebrated Scottish preacher spoke not long ago of "the plague of light-mindedness" which is attacking our young people.

The unfortunate thing is that the consequences of this "making most of the first quarter" are not borne by the young fellow himself, but as you wisely point out "if our young men and young women exhaust themselves in early life they also exhaust the state." It is good to see the press using its great influence in an effort to get our young people put "first things first."

T. E. HOLLING.
Victoria, B. C., December 13, 1909.

"Ways and By-ways"

Sir—The upper end of Rae street has an excellent footpath from Blanchard to Quadra, the material being good solid gravel. The footpath is bordered by a row of poplar and other trees which afford good shade in summer. But now it is winter time, the trees are grown old and the roots have spread beneath and beyond what was once the gutter of the roadway. The result is that after the least pretence to a shower of rain almost the entire footpath from Quadra to Blanchard street is converted and unlucky residents in that quarter are forced to take to the roadway rather than wade ankle-deep in mud and water. Cannot this state of things be remedied?

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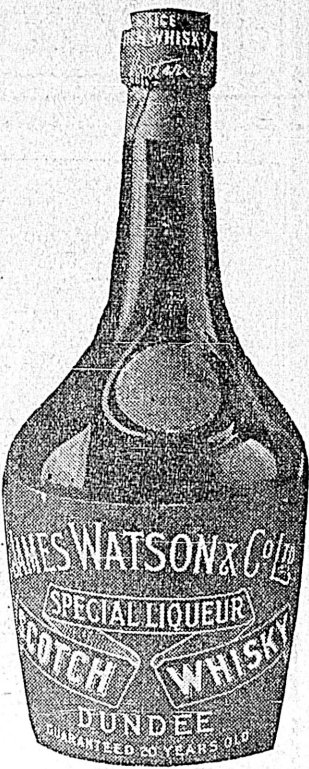
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VANCOUVER BURGLARS

Four Men Implicated in Raid on Dresser Establishment—China-man as Receiver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—It has developed on further police investigation that four men, instead of two, committed the burglary of the men's furnishing house kept by James Dresser

at 1087 Granville street. A week ago this place was broken into and \$128.50 worth of goods taken. Magistrate Williams sentenced George Taylor and Charles Preston to serve five years in the penitentiary for the crime. Both denied it at first, but after their sentence they confessed and implicated William Palmer and Frank Fordham.

These two had already been arrested for receiving stolen property from this burglary, and the latter received a sentence of six months. But this morning Fordham and Palmer were brought before Magistrate Williams again, this time on a charge of shop-breaking. According to the police they now admit they were with Taylor and Preston in the burglary. Magistrate Williams adjourned the hearing until tomorrow.

Sam, a Chinese secondhand dealer, who it is alleged purchased the stolen property after the burglary, was apprehended by Sergeant Jackson last night, following the information given by Taylor and Preston in their confession. The stolen goods have all now been recovered and returned to Mr. Dresser.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16.—Magistrate Williams, of the police court, who leaves Friday morning for the old country celebrated his last day of police court this morning by doling out with a lavish hand Christmas dinners to William I. McGuire, Joe Merrill, Archie Thomson and Harry Bachtler, all of them penniless men. They were all found begging and the first named was given a month in jail, while the other three got three months.

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 Judge.
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COBALT ORE THEFTS

Arrests Made in Toronto May Clear Up Mystery of Stealings—Millions Taken From Mines.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—By the arrest this afternoon of John E. Wilkinson, a manufacturer, of Toronto, and Alexander Littlejohn, alias Macfarlane, a miner, of Cobalt, the police believe they have struck at the heart of the gang which for the past five years have been stealing from the various Cobalt mine owners at the rate of more than a million dollars a year. Both men are charged with receiving stolen property, and before twenty-four hours

there may be a number of other startling arrests.

That thefts to the extent mentioned have been going on almost openly for so long is hard to believe. The proprietors of the mines themselves knew that they were being robbed, but it seemed impossible to get the men who were doing it. Thousands of dollars were spent in employing private detectives, and it was only recently that the slightest headway was made.

To illustrate to what extent the thefts have been carried on, the police say that Wilkinson's books show that within the last four years he has received in the neighborhood of \$300,000 worth of ore, and they further state that Wilkinson admits that he is only

one of a number who have been carrying on the business in Toronto.

ANOTHER PARIS CRIME

Body of Mme. Gouin Found Mangled Under Train—Indications of Murder.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The body of Mme. Gouin, whose husband was the late Jules Edouard Gouin, governor of the Ban for France was found mangled under a train near Paris today. The door of the compartment in which she was travelling was almost torn from its hinges and there was a pool of blood on the floor. The relatives

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8-Roomed House—New, well built, all modern, large verandahs and large hall, full basement; one hundred yards front; excellent garden; vegetable garden and a few fruit trees; plenty of water; ½ mile from a railway station. Price \$1500.00; terms \$500 cash, balance to suit.

5 Acres—Four miles out, splendid soil, all cleared and fenced, no buildings; price \$1800.00; terms \$500 cash, balance to suit.

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of Mme. Gouin, first believed that while trying to emerge from the train her dress became entangled in the door, throwing her under the wheels. Now, however, the police believe they have found evidence of a crime. Rings and other jewelry were missing from her reticule. The curtain of the door of the compartment, covered with bloody finger marks, was found half a mile from the body. The affair has caused a sensation. No arrests have been made.

New Target at Bisley

LONDON, Dec. 16.—It is learned that it is intended to introduce into the King's Prize competition at Bisley a figure target on approved service lines. The new target will supplant the bullseye target at 500 yards, and will be what is technically known as a second class sectional target, such as is used in the Bisley match at Bisley. The target will be painted blue and brown. The scoring values will remain as hitherto.

Change of Name

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—In order to avoid confusion in dealing with the public, steps have been taken by the Postal Telegraph Company to change the name of the New England Telegraph Company, over whose lines the Postal Company operates in this city, to that of the Postal Company.

Canadian Flotations in London
LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Canadian Bank of Commerce has invited public subscriptions for \$250,000 of six per cent. first mortgage sinking fund bonds of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Coal Company, of which Senator Watson is president, and Second Vice-President Whyte, of the Canada Pacific, is a director. The Times says the information given concerning the company's financial position is meagre. The city of Fort William is offering here 4½ per cent. debentures for \$294,500 at 102½.

Loss on 'Frisco Stock

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The common stock of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, recently purchased by B. F. Youkum and his associates from the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway, cost the buyers \$37½ a share, or in gross amount \$10,482,600. Since the Rock Island five per cent. bonds issued to make the original purchase of St. Louis and San Francisco require their redemption at \$17,798,232, Wall Street learned today that it has been necessary for the Rock Island interests to make up a difference of about \$7,000,000 between the cost of these bonds and the cash received for the sale of the 'Frisco common stock collateral under the bonds.

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stated, a capital intact of \$1,500,000 and a net surplus of \$500,000, and I am personally ready to buy the stock of the company on that basis.

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Gets Free on Technicality.

BARRIE, Ont., Dec. 16.—To the surprise of everyone, the charge of perjury against Clara Guthrie in connection with evidence given at the inquiry into the case of the double fire which destroyed her parents' home and also the music hall block on November 17, was dismissed this afternoon by Judge Wismer, and Miss Guthrie was also discharged. It was owing to the neglect on the part of the officials in not having the record of the inquest proceedings made in strict compliance with the statutes. A stenographer was employed, but the law says it is the

duty of the coroner himself to put the proceedings in writing or hand over an exemplification of them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The efforts of the immigration committee of the House to patch up an amity with the committee on interstate and foreign commerce on the subject of jurisdiction over "white slave traffic" legislation, failed of effect and the subcommittee of three members of the first named committee appointed yesterday for information conference purposes reported back today that there was no hope of a compromise. Representatives Bennett of New York and S. A. Both of Illinois, of the immigration committee, were appointed as a sub-committee today to draft out an entirely new bill as a substitute for the others now before the committee and report tomorrow. The immigration committee will then endeavor to report its bill out ahead of the bill of Chairman Mann in the interstate commerce committee and get first action in the House.

SOUTH SEA MASSACRES

(Additional Marine Page 16.)

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NEAR HUMBOLDT, in the heart of a section coming rapidly into prominence, lot with two small houses, both rented, three days only... \$3,000

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Oak Arm Chairs, Rattan Arm Chairs,
Roman Up Seat, Mission Oak Morris
Chairs, Mission Centre Table, Very
Fine Bed Lounge, 3 Dining Chairs,
Rocking Chairs, Office Desk,
and Office Chair, Very Fine Brussels
Carpets, Rugs, Fur Rugs, Fine Burlap
Screen, Two Elegant Princess Dress-
ing Tables with large Oval Mirrors,
Oak Dresser and Stand, Elegant Oak
Chiffonier with mirror, Oak Chest of
Drawers, Oak Wash Stand, 6 Iron
Bedsprings, Springs and Mattresses, Toilet
Sets, Very Fine Comforters, Blankets,
Pillows, Portiers, Lace Curtains, China
Crockery, Ornaments, Gilt Clock, etc.
Kitchen Tables and Chairs, Cooking
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Lawn Mower, Washing Machine, Hose,
Splendid Heaters, Two Four-Hole
Cook Stoves Two Gas Plates, and
**TWO ALMOST NEW STEEL
RANGES**

On view Thursday afternoon. Also
breed White Rocks, Plymouth
Rocks, Black Minorcas, White Or-
pingtons, Pullets, 1 Black Horse, 5-
year-old Bay Horse, Bay Mare, Etc.

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Working Toward Hope.

Tenders are now being invited for
the construction of the V. V. & E.
line between Abbotsford and Hope, a
distance of 78 miles, and also between
Princeton and Tulameen. The gap
between Tulameen and Hope is to be
covered, it is expected, by the pro-
posed eight-mile tunnel. Charles Frol-
litt, of Guthrie & Co., St. Paul, and
J. A. Kellut, of Foley, Welsh Stewart,
are now in Vancouver in connection
with the tendering, and J. H. Kennedy,
chief engineer of the Great Northern
Railway company is also there. Be-
fore the end of the week Princeton and
the Smilkmeen Valley will be linked
up with 150,000 miles of railway in
Canada and the United States by the
operation of the first regular train into
Princeton over the Victoria, Van-
couver and Eastern, the Great Northern's
British Columbia line.

PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS



Traffic on the Fraser is seriously
hampered by prevalent fogs.

At Nanaimo yesterday, the wedding
was solemnized of Angus McEae and
Miss Florence Pudney.

Considerable opposition has devel-
oped in the Vancouver city hall to
the proposal to establish a board of
control.

Al Fraser a cripple of Vancouver,
has been sentenced to a year's im-
prisonment for being drunk and in-
capable.

Vancouver is to have a new man-
ual training school, plans of which
have been prepared and the neces-
sary building permit secured.

Vital La Forte, who is believed to
be the oldest resident of northern
Cariboo, is paying his first visit to
the coast in twenty years.

Nanaimo's poultry fanciers held a
meeting Wednesday evening, at which
preliminary arrangements were made
for an exhibition in the near future.

A purse of \$315 subscribed by
sympathizing friends has been hand-
ed to Sandy Honeymoon, a miner, re-
cently incapacitated by an accident
in the Wellington mine.

The city council of Nanaimo has re-
ceived a report from a special com-
mittee recommending compensation
to property owners suffering loss by
the recent floods.

It will still be several days before
traffic is resumed on the Great Nor-
thern between Vancouver and Seat-
tle. It was hoped to re-open the line
tomorrow.

Wreck Inquest Resumed

The inquest into the death of the
Japanese workman in the Great Nor-
thern washout near New Westminster,
November 28, was resumed yesterday
morning. From present indications
it is probable that evidence of a rat-
her startling nature in connection
with the wreck will be adduced. A
close enquiry will be made into the
exact condition of the track on the
morning of the accident as the train-
men say it before the wreck occurred.
The engineer and fireman are now suf-
ficiently recovered and will give their
evidence.

Want Power From Incinerator

In carrying out the plans for the es-
tablishment of an auxiliary steam
equipment for its power plant at Van-
couver, the British Columbia Electric
Railway Company will be compelled
to dismantle its present steam plant
at the rear of the Westminster avenue
substation. During the period of con-
struction of the new plant the com-
pany will probably ask the city to
supply steam for heating and power
purposes from the city incinerator,
where a large amount of power is now
going to waste.

The Fatal Pulley Belt

John McCormick, a fireman in the
Nippon saw mill, was killed while
adjusting a belt last Thursday. The
body was badly mangled. It is pre-
sumed that the victim slipped while
placing the belt on a pulley near the
large fly-wheel which instantly dashed
to death. The Canadian Pacific
Railway agents at Nanaimo and Mis-
sion City made arrangements for con-
veying the remains from the mills to
Mission City. Deceased was the eldest
son of Mr. and Mrs. D. McCormick, of
Mission City, and had a wide ac-
quaintance in the district.

Cariboo's Prospects Bright

From present indications the season
of 1910 at the Barkerville mines
should be a prosperous one, as every-
thing points to a heavy snowfall this
winter, which means an ample water
supply. Cariboo has given up fifty-
million dollars of the world's supply
of gold. There are 90,000,000 acres of
land in the district, practically every
acre of which contains gold in quan-
tities, great or minute. When railroad
transportation becomes an accom-
plished fact, a great army of pros-
pectors will spread themselves out on
the face of the land and the discover-
ies may startle the universe.

Extension Relief Fund

The plan of distributing the Exten-
sion Mine Disaster fund, as suggested
by the committee, has been adopted at
Ladysmith. The fund amounts to
\$1,232 and the benefits will be dis-
tributed \$12 per month for widows, and
\$5 per month for children under 14
years of age. There are 12 widows and
28 orphans to participate in the ben-
efits, and the amount on hand will last
about one year. The funds were or-
dered to be passed over to Mr. William
Russell, paymaster of the Wellington
Colliery Co., who has kindly volun-
teered to distribute the same. The
money will be distributed at the Wel-
lington Colliery Co's office each month
on the 20th, and when that date falls
on a Sunday, the distribution will take
place on the 21st.

Upper Cariboo Navigation.

N. S. Clarke, manager of the Fort
George Lumber and Navigation Co., is
paying a visit to the coast. He re-
ports a very successful season for his
company. The steamer Nechaco,
which was built for this company last
spring by Dan McFee, has, under the
command of Captain Benson, success-
fully navigated over two hundred
and fifty miles of river which have
hitherto been considered impassable
to steamboats. Mr. Clarke intends to
return to Cariboo in the early spring
and commence construction of another
steamer for service on the river be-
tween Soda Creek and Fort George
canyon in connection with the Necha-
co, which will remain upon the upper
river. The new boat will be the largest
ever used on the river, and will be
equipped with the most powerful en-
gines obtainable. Mr. Clarke also in-
tends to construct a small boat with
which he will attempt the navigation
of the Fraser from a point above Lil-
looet to the Tete Jaune Cache. The
undertaking is certainly a large one,
but its practicability is no more ques-

tionable than was the navigation of
the Fort George canyon by the Checa-
co this fall.

B.C. Electric Improvements

The contracts for the B. C. Electric
Company's new steam auxiliary plant
and electric generator at Lake Buntzen
are now being let, and although the
final formal signatures have not been
placed on the documents, it is under-
stood that the work will be done in a
figure near \$250,000, will go to C. E.
Moore & Company, of San Francisco.
The successful tenderer for the \$50,000
electric generator is not known yet,
but will probably be announced in a
day or two. At present word is being
awaited from the London directors be-
fore final action is taken. The officials
of the company, approached for con-
firmation of the statement that the
Moore Company had secured the con-
tract for the steam plant, declined to
make any announcements, claiming
that nothing could be given out until
the receipt of a cable from London. It
is fairly certain, however, that the in-
formation is correct. The recent ac-
cident at Winnipeg, where, through the
breaking down of the electric plant,
the whole city was left without light
or power, was what finally decided the
B. C. Electric Company to build a
steam plant at Vancouver to furnish
power and light in case the solar
apparatus was put out of commission
in any way. Work on the two con-
tracts will begin early in the New
Year.

Interesting Tax Sale Suit.

A tax sale case of more than local
interest is pending in Vancouver be-
fore the Supreme Court in Anderson
vs. South Vancouver, Ex-Mayor R. A.
Anderson has entered suit against the
municipality to have set aside the sale
of block 701 for taxes in that
municipality. In 1907, the lot, 20
acres in all, was then sold for \$169.25,
and it is now estimated to be worth
nearer \$50,000. The present owners,
two widows, Mrs. C. C. Rolston and
Mrs. Amos Fleming, are opposing the
suit. The history of the movement of
the land through the various owners
seems to be that in the early nineties
C. O. Wickenden, at that time owner
of block 701, sold it to Captain Mal-
colm McLeod, the harbor master.
Captain McLeod then sold a half in-
terest in it to Mr. R. A. Anderson,
who paid no taxes on it from 1902 to
1907, and in the following year the
municipality sold it for taxes. The
purchaser was William Mashiter, at
present a resident of Squamish, who
paid \$169.25. He in his turn sold it to
Mrs. Rolston, who afterwards parted
with 15 acres of it to Amos Fleming,
who left it by will to his widow. The
contention of counsel for plaintiff is
that the sale of the land for taxes was
illegal, chiefly for two reasons. The
first was that the meetings of the
council, which authorized the sale, were
not legal, and the second is that the
order confirming the tax sale was
made ex-parte, and the plaintiff had
no proper notice of it. Should the tax
sale be set aside the consequences
might be serious to the municipality,
and the validity of its laws and
general statutes passed during that
period would be also in question.

ZINC INDUSTRY CALLS FOR HELP

Resolutions Passed By Mining
Convention Held at
Nelson

NELSON, Dec. 16.—The most im-
portant mining convention ever held in
the interior assembled here yesterday
and was attended by a large number of
representatives of the metal industries.

The following resolution was passed,
and will be sent to all members of the
British Columbia Provincial govern-
ment and to members of the Dominion house
representing British Columbia:

"This convention, representing the
mining, smelting and commercial inter-
ests of Kootenay, British Columbia,
begs to submit to the Hon. Minister the
following facts in regard to the indus-
try of the production of zinc:

"That the smelter erected by the
Canada Metal company at Frank has
been pronounced a commercial failure,
and its operation as a zinc smelter has
been abandoned.

"That the plant established by the
Canada Zinc company at Nelson for the
treatment of zinc ores by an electrical
process has been idle for one year with
apparently no prospect of its resump-
tion.

"That for the year 1909, 11,000 tons
of zinc ores with average contents of
fifty per cent of zinc, have been shipped
from Kootenay points to the United
States.

"That a very large quantity of zinc,
necessarily mined in connection with
the production of lead ores, has been
wasted or remains piled up on the
dumps.

"That developments during the year,
particularly upon the property known
as the Big Ledge, on Arrow Lake, indi-
cate that the supply of zinc ores in
slight calling for treatment is very much
larger than has heretofore been sup-
posed.

"That the Payne tariff of the United
States, adopted this year, imposes a

duty of one cent a pound on the zinc
content of ores carrying more than
25 per cent. of zinc.

"That railway rates upon ores from
Kootenay points to the United States
zinc smelters are very much higher than
are the rates upon Mexican ores.

"That these conditions, which may
now be considered as permanently fixed,
render impossible the export to the
United States of any but very high
class zinc ores, and upon the latter ab-
sorbing the greater part of the profit
to the producer.

"That from the returns of the cus-
toms department of Canada it appears
that there are imported into Canada an-
nually zinc products to the amount of
over 7,000 tons, worth, according to
customs valuation, over \$750,000.

"That it is highly desirable that we
should have established a smelting
plant capable of treating our own ores
and of turning out manufactured pro-
ducts of zinc at least to the extent of
supplying our own market.

"That this convention therefore begs
respectfully to request that the depart-
ment of mines of the Dominion govern-
ment will take this matter up and
conduct experimental work upon such a
scale as will determine definitely the
practicability of the economical treat-
ment by electro-thermal or electro-
chemical process of these zinc ores."

A committee consisting of John Keen
of Kaslo, S. S. Fowler of Alinsworth,
J. Greenstreet, proprietor of the Big
Ledge mine; G. W. Loper, manager of
the Lucky Jim, at Burton, and E. K.
Beeston, was appointed to carry out
the decisions of the convention.
The convention concluded with a
smoker last evening.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Richards.

In his sixtieth year there has just
died at Kamloops, William Richards, a
mining man who was well known on
Vancouver Island, a brother-in-law of
F. C. Quick, reeve of South Saanich.
Deceased had spent much of his time
in Victoria and the neighborhood. He
was a native of England. The remains
are being forwarded here to the Hanna
chapel on Yates street from where the
funeral will take place on Sunday after-
noon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. T. E. Hol-
ling will officiate.

The calling of the steamer Lons-
dale at New Westminster, where she
loads a cargo of lumber, is hailed as
"marking a new epoch in the
commercial history of the Royal City."

Making Merry

At Mealtime, Means Good Appetite,
Good Digestion, Good Cheer, Good
Heart and Stuart's Dyspepsia
Tablets.

Do You Use Them? If Not, Why?

DYSPEPSIA is the skeleton at the
feast; the death's head at the festive
board. It turns cheer into cheerless-
ness, gaiety into gloom and festivity
into force. It is the ghost in the home,
haunting every room and hitting at
every fireplace, making otherwise merr-
y people shudder and fear. If there
is one disease more than another that
should be promptly attacked and
wrested, it is DYSPEPSIA. It is the
very genius of unhappiness, unrest
and ill nature. In time it will turn
the best man almost into a demon of
temper and make a good woman some-
thing to be dreaded and avoided.

It is estimated that half of one's
troubles in this world comes of a stom-
ach gone wrong—of Dyspepsia, in
short. Foods taken into the stomach
and not properly cared for: converted
into substances that the system has no
use for and hasn't any notion what to
do with. It is irritated and vexed,
pained and annoyed, and in a little
while this state of things becomes
general and directly there is "some-
thing bad to pay." The whole system
is in a state of rebellion and yearns to
do something rash and disagreeable
and a fine case of Dyspepsia is estab-
lished and opens up for business.

If you were bitten by a mad dog, you
would not lose a day in going to a
cure; do you know you should be just
as prompt with Dyspepsia? Rabies is
a quick death, dyspepsia is a slow one;
this is about all the difference. There
is a cure for rabies and so there is for
Dyspepsia and one cure was as other,
difficult to discover as the other. Pas-
teur found out one and the F. A.
STUART COMPANY the other, and it is
no longer a secret, as it is made
public in the wonderful Tablet, which
so many are using and praising today.
One writer says of it:

"Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are lit-
tle storehouses of digestion which mix
with the stomach juices, digest food,
retinge the mucous membrane and its
nerve centres, give to the blood a great
wealth of digestive fluids, promote di-
gestion and stay by the stomach until
all its duties are complete."

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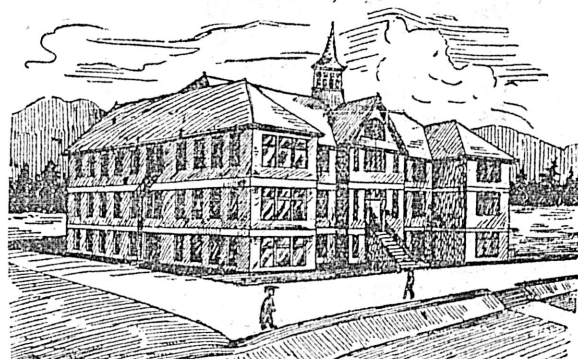
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FOG DELAYS SHIPS AT VANCOUVER

Princess Charlotte Struck a
Sandbar When Entering
But Was Not Damaged

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 16.—Thick fog which came up during last night completely tied up shipping in the harbor today and at least one vessel touched the beach, for the Princess Charlotte is said to have put her nose on a sandbar west of the Capilano when coming in this morning. The hoisting of steam and the ringing of fog bells along the wharves and on board the ships in harbor were a feature of the morning's work.

The Princess Charlotte arrived on time in spite of the dense fog and crept to her berth guided by the sound of a bell on the wharf. Coming through the Narrows she touched a sand bar on the north shore but swung off without damage.

Of the vessels delayed by this fog, the case of the Bellerophon is the most notable. The big steamer was anxious to get away as repairs to her propellers had kept her here longer than usual. Cargo was finished last night and it was the intention of Captain Bartlett to get away about 2 o'clock this morning. Up came the fog, however, and the big Blue Funnel freight is still at Evans, Coleman & Evans with Pilot Roberts waiting for the mist to lift before he takes her out on her way to Union for coal.

The Weir steamer Oceano, Captain Davis, is somewhere in the bay waiting for the weather to clear. She left Seattle Wednesday night bound for Vancouver to load cargo at Evans, Coleman & Evans and C. P. R. docks for the Orient. She is probably anchored in English Bay.

Officers of the steamer Cowichan, which arrived last night from northern ports have a kick against the light-keepers at Brockton Point and Prospect Bluff. They say that on Monday night when the fog was very thick the fog bells on those points did not ring until the Cowichan was clear of the Narrows outward bound. Last night the bells were not ringing either when she came in about 5 o'clock, although at that time the weather was not very thick.

The mail steamer Empress of China will not get away until daylight tomorrow for the mail from the East will not be here until midnight. If the weather clears this afternoon the white liner may be taken out to English Bay and anchor there so that she can get away as soon as the mists are brought out on a tug. But there is little prospect of the fog lifting for the barometer is high and steady and the indications are that a spell of foggy weather is due.

ERNA EXPECTED TODAY FROM CORINTO

Situation Quiet at Pacific Port of
Warring Nicaragua—Man Drowned
During Boat Drill

The steamer Erna, Capt. Klockling, of the Jensen line, is expected to reach the outer wharf today from Corinto and way ports of Central America and Mexico. The Erna, which called at San Francisco on Monday and left on Tuesday for this city, reported that the gunboat Momotombo, a converted tugboat which forms the Pacific squadron of Zelaya, was at anchor at Corinto, but there was little excitement there, the warfare being confined to the Atlantic coast. When the Erna was at Corinto on November 24 there were only two men at the Nicaragua in evidence. Longshore labor could not be secured and soldiers were sent from the barracks to handle cargo. The U. S. S. Vicksburg was at Corinto.

From Salina Cruz the steamer is bringing about 350 tons of European freight and she has 300 tons of asphalt and plaster from San Pedro. When docking at San Francisco, the steamer scraped the steamer Mackinaw but neither was injured.

While at Acapulco, during a fire drill, a member of the Erna's crew fell overboard and was drowned. The boat that was being lowered to go to the rescue capsized while hanging in the falls and half a dozen men were thrown into the water. Lines were thrown to the boat's crew and all but one man scrambled back on board. The remaining man grabbed a life preserver to which he stuck until picked up. Members of the crew say that it was two hours before the man was picked up and that in the excitement following the accident in the lifeboat the man who originally fell overboard disappeared. He was last seen about 50 yards astern of the steamer.

As sentry and pet in his room, Captain Klockling of the Erna has a fierce little tiger-cub, presented to him by the German consul at Manzanillo. Though no larger than an ordinary house cat, the kitten is so ferocious that nobody can approach it. At the end of a long chain the spittfire serves as the best kind of watchman in the captain's quarters, even the skipper himself taking no chances, but entering his room with extreme caution, and usually first taking a peep to see that the chain holds before venturing through the doorway.

The Erna is to carry an excursion of business men on her southern trip.

WARRIMOO ON FIRE AT DUNEDIN

Former Steamer of Canadian-Australian Line Badly Scorched at New Zealand Port.

The steamer Warrimoo, formerly running to this port for the Canadian-Australian line, took fire at Dunedin, shortly before the steamer left Sydney. The fire, due to spontaneous combustion among flax, was discovered at 3:30 a.m. One of the men on the anchor watch appears to have smelt something unusual. Then a thin spiral of smoke was discovered rising from forward, and one or two men state that they heard a crackling sound. Strenuous efforts were made to locate the fire, officers and men working at high pressure, care being taken at this time not to disturb the passengers. They were soon aroused, though, and there was a "rouve au pent." Two leads were got to work, but the increasing volumes of smoke and the intensity of the heat showed that the ship's hoses were taking little effect, and the Dunedin Fire Brigade was summoned. Smoke began to ascend in dense clouds, pierced by leaping

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longues of flame. Paint curled from the ironwork like chips, and the depths of the forehold glowed and roared like an inferno. When the forecastle became too hot the chief officer (Mr. J. J. Hughes) ordered the men to stand off, and descended himself to salvage baggage and find a possible approach for the fire hoses. The iron approach ladders to the forehold were by this time too hot to be used, and the stanchions, ribs and plates in the region of the starboard side, ironwork began to crack ominously, giving here and there every symptom of buckling. Parts of the shell became so hot that water hissed all round the bow of the vessel. Such was the condition of things when the fire brigade arrived at 4:30 a.m.

The firemen, to get at the fire, had to knock holes through the deck. This accomplished and six leads got to work, a scene followed in which flame and water, steam and smoke, and determined figures of men were intermingled. The attempts to get down to the seat of the fire were many, but unavailing. The lower part of the forward division of the vessel had become a great red oven, in which nothing could live, and against which even "smoke jackets" could not avail. Aft and above the fire zone were stalled 21 horses on the main deck. The captain, officers and crew and helpers concentrated their attention on these, and all the horses bound for Melbourne were landed without accident and with hardly any excitement.

To extinguish the fire it was necessary to flood the hold, and pumping operations were in progress till about eight a.m., when the water reached the beams and the Warrimoo "drew" about 2 ft. forward. When the vessel was sufficiently cool the pumping process commenced, and at 2:30 p.m. the salmon-pink about the waterline was just reappearing.

The damage to the cargo was considerable. The damage to the vessel appears to be several buckled ribs and plates about the starboard bow, scorched forecabin and partially destroyed forecastle. Some of the seamen made their escape in the scantiest of attire, and with the firemen have sustained losses in personal property. One man claims to have lost \$5 beside his kit.

RESCUED BARK FOUNDERED IN TOW

Salvage Crew Had to Jump to Save
Their Lives When Seeking to

Foundering while in tow of the steamer Takapuna, which picked her up abandoned and waterlogged off the New Zealand coast, the bark Hippolais was towed shortly before the Aorangi sailed from the Antipodes. The crew was picked up by the steamer Elsie and landed at Pictou, New Zealand. The bark was found flying distress signals, but the crew had left, leaving only a few papers and a case of whiskey. The chief officer and nine others who manned the derelict had a narrow escape when she went down in 35 fathoms after being towed for five hours. The water in the bark gained rapidly on the ship's pumps. The Hippolais gave an ugly lurch, which acted as a warning to the skeleton crew on board her from the Takapuna. All hands took to the boats, and the alarm was sounded to the Takapuna to cease towing as the bark was sinking.

Captain Stewart stood by the stern of the Takapuna, and with a hatchet severed the tow lines just as the Hippolais sank within three-quarters of an hour's run to Pictou, in 35 fathoms of water.

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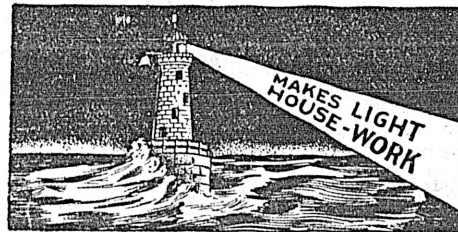
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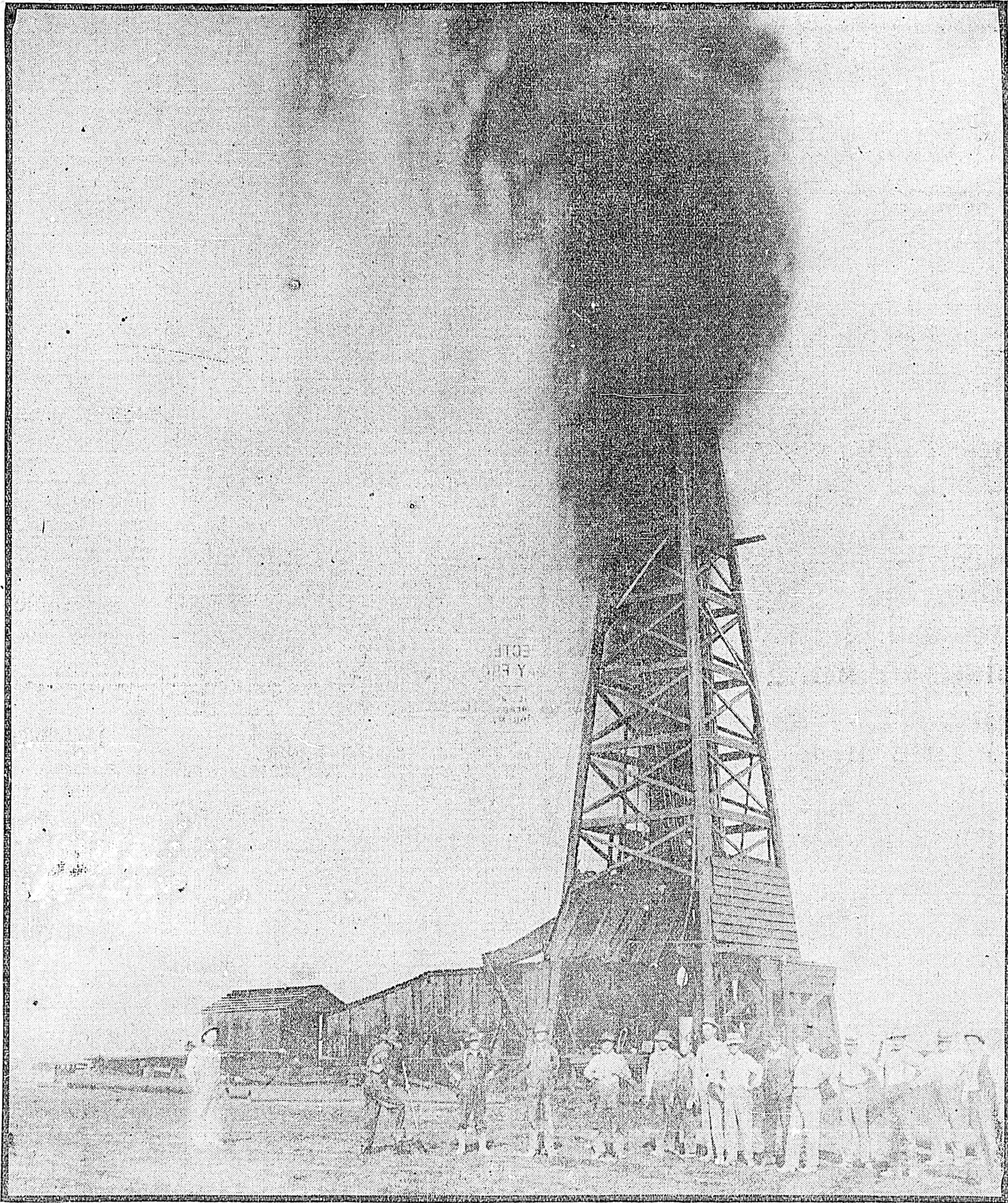
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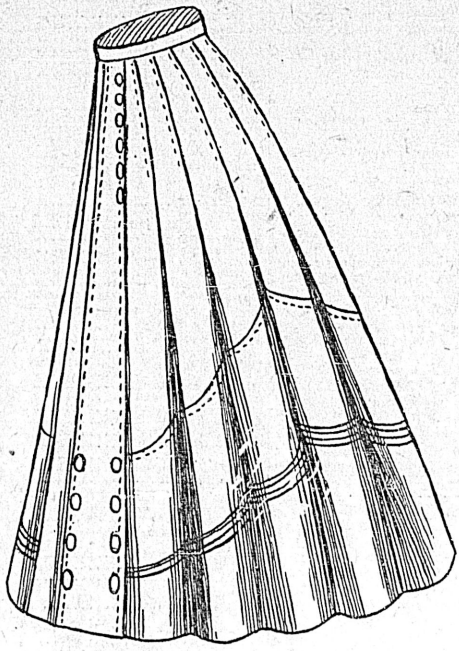
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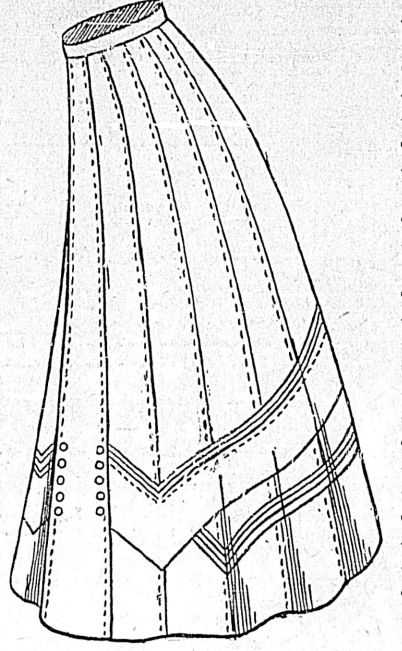
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